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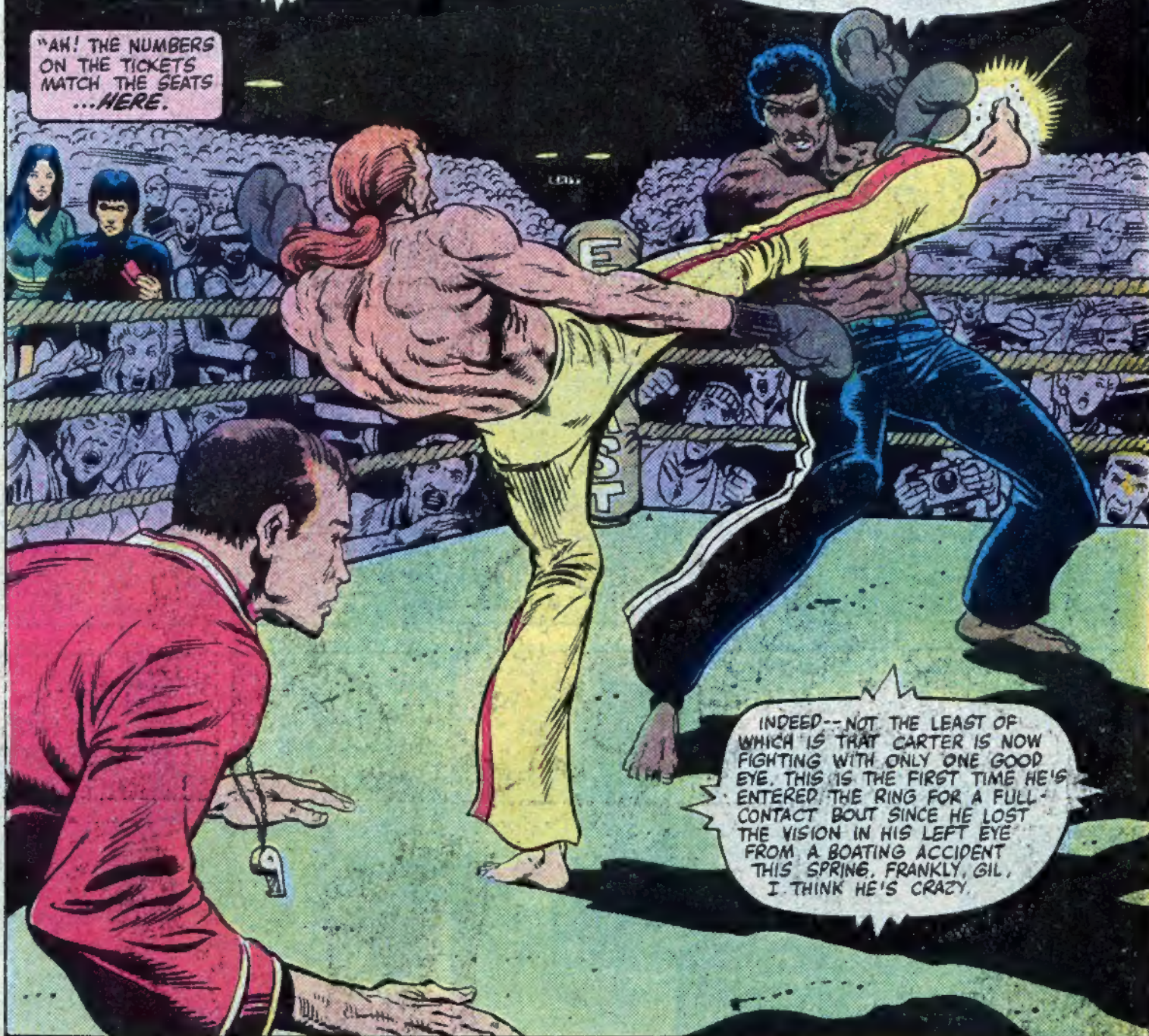
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CARTER'S SUPER MIDNIGHT

AND THERE'S THE BELL FOR THE START OF ROUND ONE HERE IN LONDON! JENKINS IN THE LIGHT PANTS IS CERTAINLY LOSING NO TIME IN STRIKING AT ONE-EYED CARTER'S BLIND SIDE! A BEAUTIFUL SWING KICK -- PICKED OFF, HOWEVER, BY CARTER'S RIGHT GLOVE, GIL.

RIGHT YOU ARE, ED. YOU KNOW, CARTER HAS OFTEN BEEN COMPARED TO THE PROFESSIONAL KARATE ASSOCIATION'S MIDDLE-WEIGHT CHAMP, BILL "SUPERFOOT" WALLACE -- BUT I SEE AS MANY DIFFERENCES IN THEIR STYLES AS THERE ARE SIMILARITIES.

"AH! THE NUMBERS ON THE TICKETS MATCH THE SEATS... HERE."



INDEED -- NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS THAT CARTER IS NOW FIGHTING WITH ONLY ONE GOOD EYE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE'S ENTERED THE RING FOR A FULL-CONTACT BOUT SINCE HE LOST THE VISION IN HIS LEFT EYE FROM A BOATING ACCIDENT THIS SPRING, FRANKLY, GIL, I THINK HE'S CRAZY.

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I HAVE NEVER SEEN ONE OF THESE ORGANIZED MATCHES, LEIKO

NEITHER HAVE I, SHANG... EXCEPT ONCE ON THE TELEVISION. ODD LUCK IN GETTING THE TICKETS...

USE THE KICK!
USE THE KICK!

"ODD LUCK INDEED. WE HAD RETURNED FROM SMITH'S SCOTTISH CASTLE TO LONDON ONLY THIS MORNING..."

WELL, SHANG, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH SMITH'S NEW ORGANIZATION?

I DON'T KNOW YET. THIS "FREELANCE RESTORATIONS" MAY BE TOO MUCH LIKE MI-6-- BUT AT LEAST WE WERE ABLE TO PUT AN END TO SAMISDAT AND HIS DAWNING LIGHT CULT. IF WE --

UH, EXCUSE ME, BUT ONE-EYED CARTER IS GOING FOR THE KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP TONIGHT, LAST ON THE CARD AT MIDNIGHT, AND I JUST LEARNED MY BIRD IS ILL...

BIRD?

YES-- GIRL-FRIEND.

GUESS I'M STILL LIVING IN THE 60'S, EH? ANYWAY, I CAN'T USE THESE TICKETS, SO THEY'RE YOURS IF YOU WANT 'EM. I MEAN, YOU BEING ORIENTALS AND ALL, I THOUGHT--

THANK YOU.

WELL, SO LONG-- ENJOY THE BOUT!

HMP.

NOW WE KNOW WHAT TO DO AFTER DINNER, SHANG.

ROUND ONE IS NEARING AN END AND-- JUST IN TIME BY OUR UNOFFICIAL COUNT-- JENKINS DELIVERS THE LAST OF HIS REQUIRED EIGHT KICKS PER ROUND. IT MISSES, BUT AT LEAST HE WON'T BE PENALIZED FOR NOT THROWING IT.

"THE MATCH IS NOT WHAT I EXPECTED. THE GLOVES ARE A SURPRISE--

--AS ARE THE TWO MINUTE TIME LIMITATIONS CALLED 'ROUNDS'-- AND THE RULES, REQUIRING A CERTAIN NUMBER OF KICKS, ARE TOO RIGID...

OH! CARTER LANDS A SOLID, CRUSHING LEFT CROSS JUST AT THE SOUND OF THE BELL, ENDING ROUND ONE!

"STILL, THE LEVEL OF SKILL IS IMPRESSIVE.

SNOP

"ROUND TWO..."

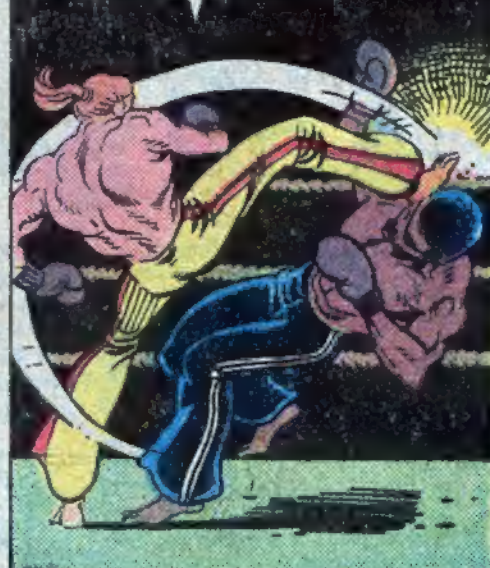
CARTER MISSES WITH A LOOPING RIGHT--



--AND JENKINS MAKES HIM PAY FOR IT WITH A HARD LEFT HOOK! CARTER IS STUNNED! HE'S HURT!

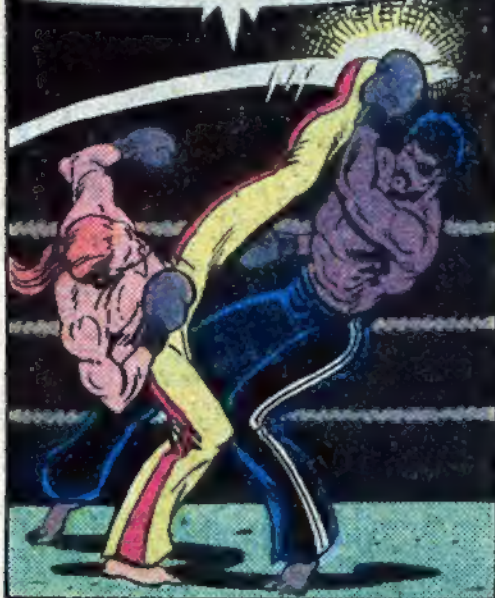


JENKINS CAPITALIZES WITH A WICKED SPIN-KICK, HURTING CARTER EVEN MORE! CARTER MAY LAST TO THE BELL, BUT THIS IS A VERY BIG ROUND FOR JENKINS!



"ROUND THREE..."

JENKINS IS PRESSING IT-- HE THINKS CARTER IS STILL HURT-- BUT CARTER BLOCKS THE KICK--



--AND COUNTERS WITH HIS OWN KICK TO THE BODY! NOW JENKINS IS HURT AND--

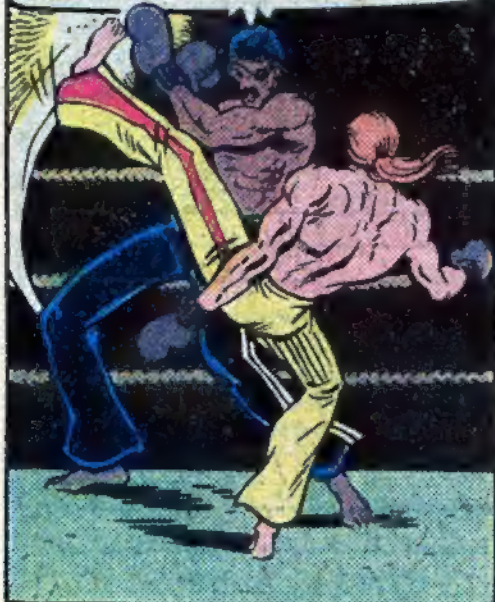


OH! A DOUBLE KICK-- CATCHING JENKINS ON THE TEMPLE! CARTER COMES BACK BIG AFTER BEING HURT LAST ROUND!



"ROUND FOUR..."

JENKINS THROWS A SWING KICK, BUT HE'S OFF-BALANCE-- HE'S SLIPPING ON THE CANVAS, LEAVING HIMSELF IN A VERY VULNERABLE POSITION--!



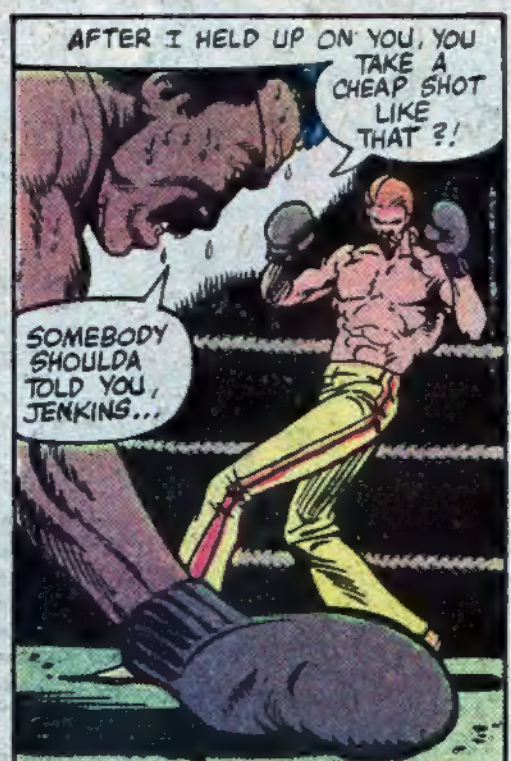
CARTER'S GOT A CHANCE TO LAND A MURDEROUS BLOW HERE-- BUT WAIT!

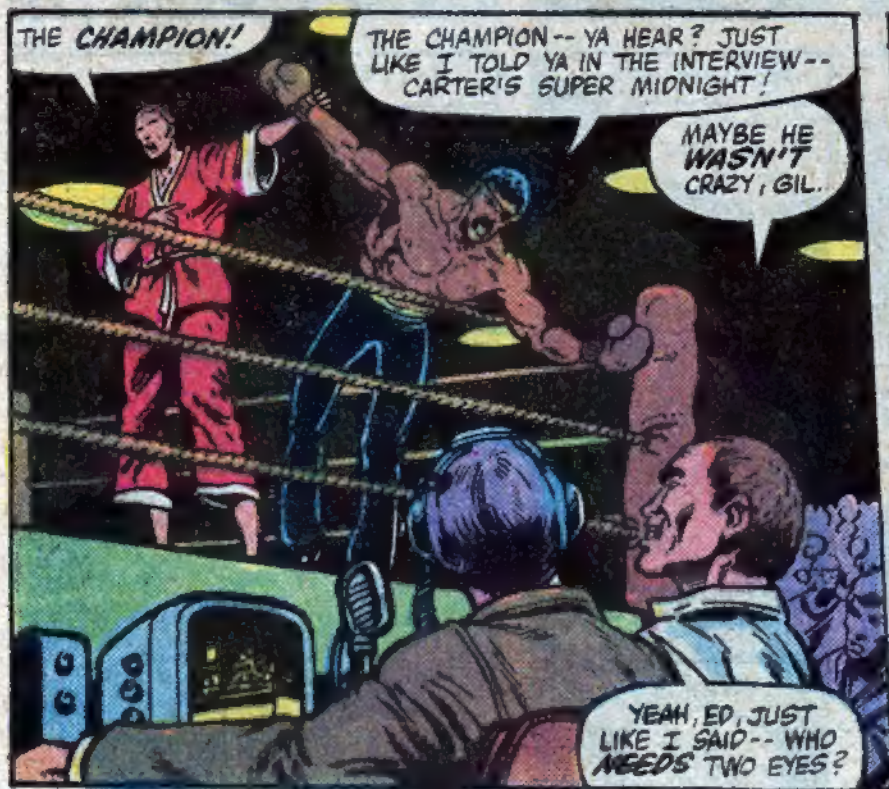
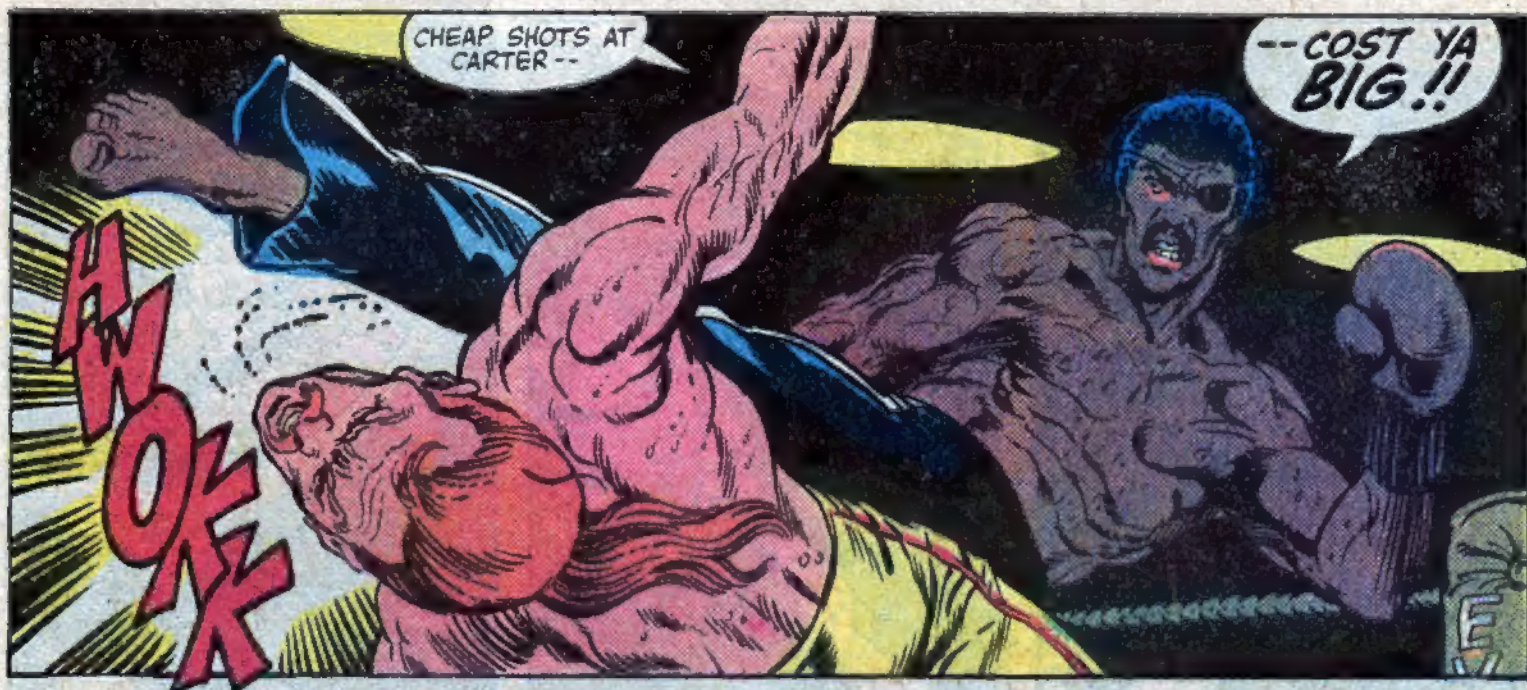


AT THE LAST SECOND HE HELD BACK-- LETTING JENKINS REGAIN HIS BALANCE! WHAT A DISPLAY OF ADMIRABLE SPORTSMANSHIP!



"I AM EVEN MORE IMPRESSED..."





HEY-- NICE FIGHT, BABE. YOU ALMOST GAVE JENKINS A CHANCE TO PUT MY OTHER LAMP OUT-- BUT NICE FIGHT ANYWAYS.

WHY DON'T YOU COME BACK TO THE DRESSIN' ROOM WHERE I CAN POSE YOU A QUESTION.

NOW LET'S DON'T BE GETTIN' AHEAD OF OURSELVES, BABE. LET'S JUST SAY I SAW YOU IN ACTION AND ASKED AROUND. MY PEOPLE ANSWERED AND I THEREFORE GOT A QUESTION ABOUT A LITTLE... FREELANCE RESTORATION.

ABOUT WHAT?

FREELANCE RESTORATION--? THEN HE KNOWS ABOUT--

YES... AND US.

SMITH.

TO THE DRESSING ROOM, LEIKO.

CHINESE?

YES, AMERICAN?

PHILADELPHIA ORIGINALLY -- TRAINED IN SMOKIN' JOE'S GYM...

THEN I LEFT SOUTH PHILLY TO GO TO SCHOOL OVER HERE-- LIKED IT AND STAYED. ENGLISH CHAMP NOW. NOT BAD, HUH?

I CAN SEE YOU'RE LOOKIN' AT MY EYE-- WHAT USED TO BE MY EYE-- AND SAYIN' TO YOURSELF HOW IS IT THAT A DUDE WITH ONLY ONE LAMP--

"THE MAN BEGINS BOXING HIS SHADOW. FOUR AND A HALF ROUNDS, IT SEEMS, HAVE BARELY WARMED HIM UP.

WELL, BRANDO AN' HIS ONE-EYED JACKIE AIN'T GOT NOTHIN' ON RUFUS SUPER MIDNIGHT CARTER, CUZ I FOUND OUT IT'S ALL IN THE MIND-- IN TWO WAYS.

--CAN RISE AGAINST ALL ODDS TO BECOME THE SUPER MIDNIGHT CHAMP OF ENGLAND, RIGHT, BABE?

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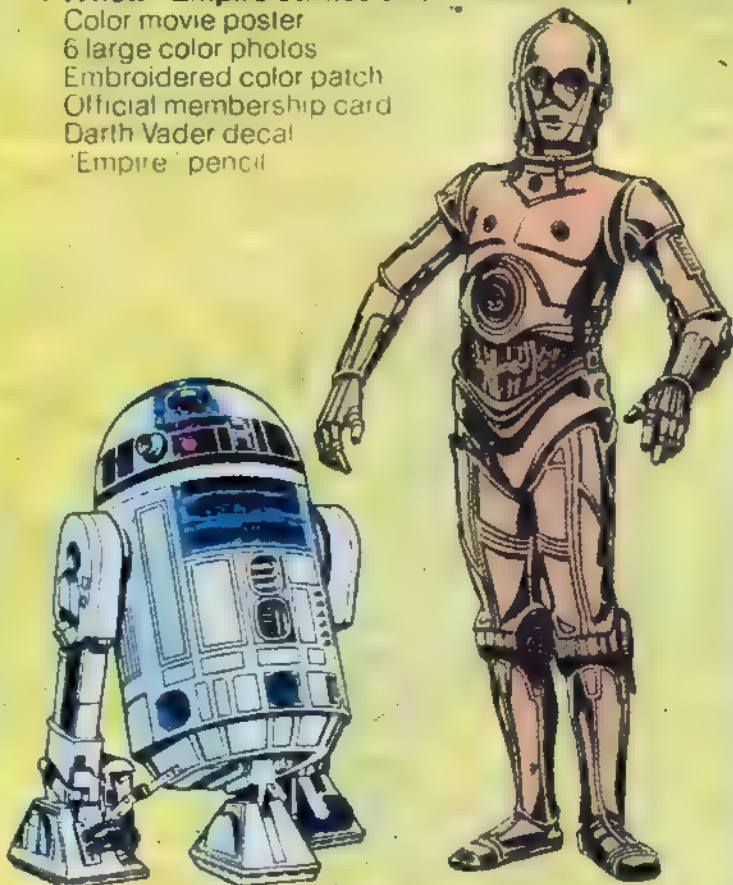
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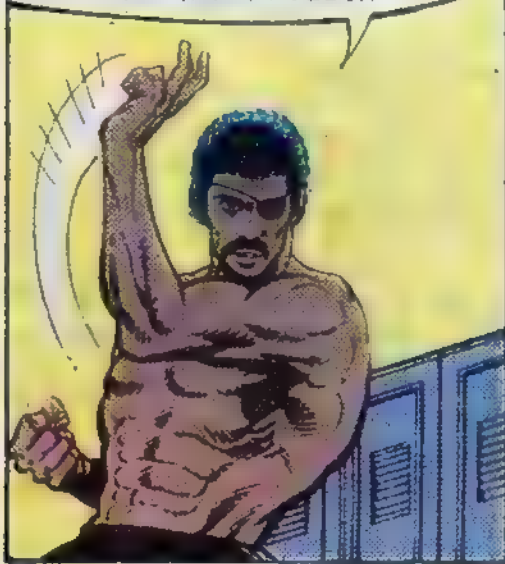
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...STORED IN THE MIRACLE BRAIN, STUFFED AWAY IN THE GRAY SQUIGGLY FILES IN THERE--AND YOU CAN DRAW ON IT-- IF YOU TEACH YOUR ONE GOOD EYE TO OPEN THE FILES, TO REMEMBER THE TIMES IT HAD WITH THE OTHER EYE BACK WHEN.



Y'SEE, THE OTHER EYES LIKE A SILENT PARTNER NOW...

IT'S GONE, YOU CAN'T SEE IT, BUT IT'S STILL THERE WHEN THE HEAVY DECISIONS ROLL AROUND. AND ALL'S YA GOTTA DO IS TEACH THE REMAINING EYE HOW TO MAKE HIS SILENT PARTNER **TALK**. SO, WITH ZEN AN' A LITTLE HELP FROM THEM BLIND ARCHER CATS--



--WHO ARE HEAVY DUDES, I MEAN TO TELL YA--YOU DON'T REALLY **PERCEIVE** THE DEPTH PERCEPTION ANYMORE, BUT YOU RESEARCH IT IN THE FILES AND YOU COMBINE THE RESEARCH WITH THE PRESENT DATA AND YOU **CALCULATE** THE DEPTH FROM PAST EXPERIENCE... ALL IN A FAST FLASH OF SUPER MIDNIGHT.



YOU DIG, BABE?

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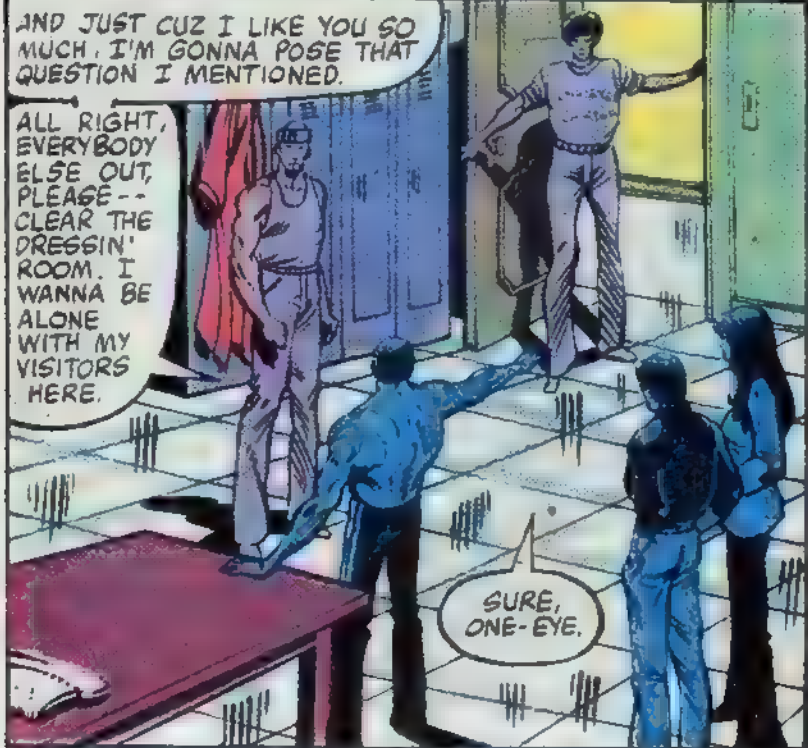
"**PERFECTLY**"--?! YOU **HEAR** THIS CAT?! "PERFECTLY"--! I GIVE HIM THE BEST LIP-FLAP RAP IN MY BOOK AND HE STANDS THERE WITH A **STONE-COLD** FACE AND SAYS "PERFECTLY"!



I LIKE YOU, BABE. I REALLY LIKE YOU-- REMIND ME OF MY TEACHER.

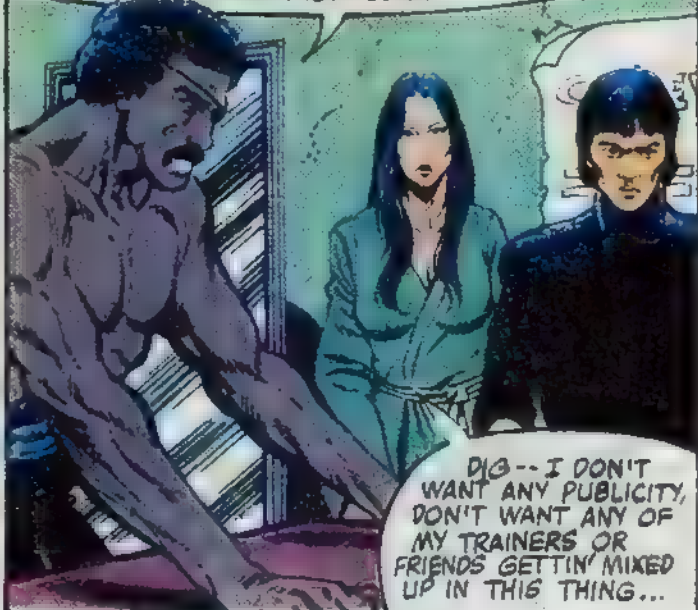
AND JUST CUZ I LIKE YOU SO MUCH, I'M GONNA POSE THAT QUESTION I MENTIONED.

ALL RIGHT, EVERYBODY ELSE OUT, PLEASE-- CLEAR THE DRESSIN' ROOM. I WANNA BE ALONE WITH MY VISITORS HERE.



SURE, ONE-EYE.

NOW, I AIN'T JUST A KARATE HAND-CHOPPER-- I ALSO RUN AN ANTIQUE STORE ON THE SIDE, AND IT'S RUN ME INTO TROUBLE. BIG BOYS COMIN' ROUND WITH OPEN PALMS FOR PROTECTION COIN.



DIG-- I DON'T WANT ANY PUBLICITY, DON'T WANT ANY OF MY TRAINERS OR FRIENDS GETTIN' MIXED UP IN THIS THING...

AND THE POLICE CAN'T DO NOTHIN' -- SO WHEN COOCH, MY CUT MAN, WHEN HE SAYS HE'S HEARD ABOUT YOU AND HOW YOU GOT THIS OUT-FIT CALLED FREELANCE RESTORATIONS, WELL, I DECIDED YOU MIGHT RESTORE SOME COIN TO ME BEFORE IT'S EVEN TAKEN.



RATHER PAY YOU ONCE THAN THE BIG BOYS EVERY WEEK, IF YOU CAN DIG IT.



NO MONEY-- BUT WE WILL LOOK INTO IT.

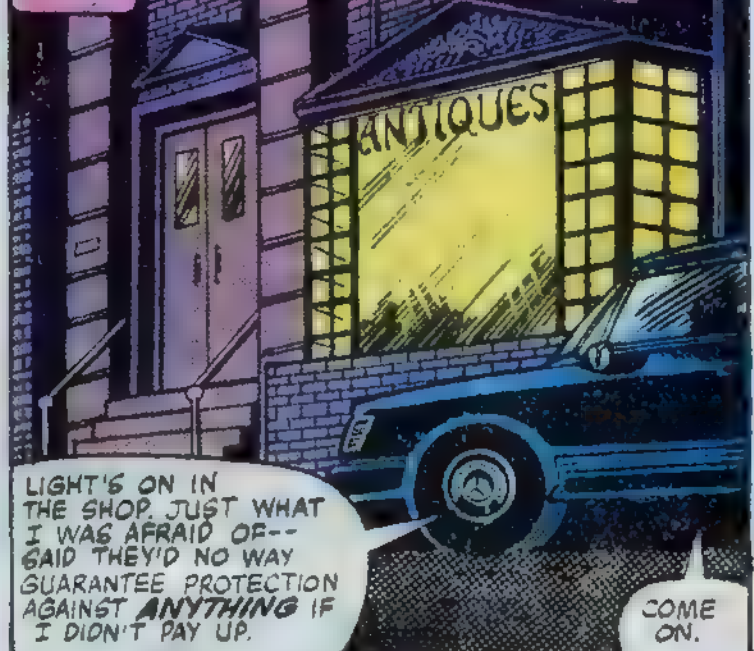
SUIT YOURSELVES. WHEN IT'S ALL OVER I'LL OFFER THE BREAD AGAIN AND YOU CAN RE-DECIDE. WAIT OUTSIDE WHILE I SLIP THROUGH A SHOWER-- THEN WE'LL DRIVE OVER TO THE SHOP AN' I'LL DOPE YA SOME MORE.



THEM'S MY WHEELS-- LET'S ROLL.



"CARTER SAYS NOTHING DURING THE SHORT DRIVE, UNTIL--"



LIGHT'S ON IN THE SHOP. JUST WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF-- SAID THEY'D NO WAY GUARANTEE PROTECTION AGAINST ANYTHING IF I DIDN'T PAY UP.

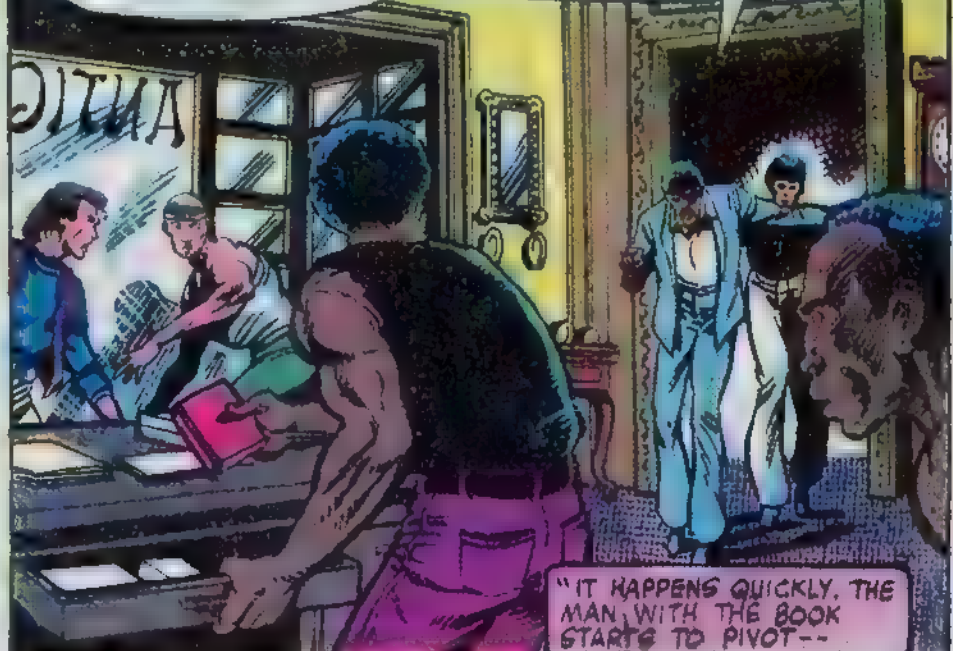
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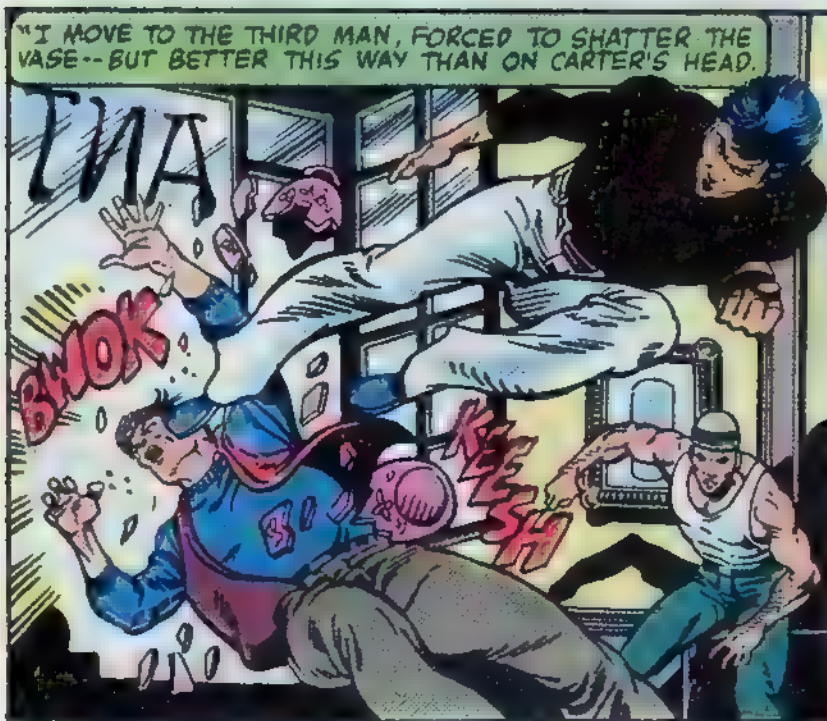
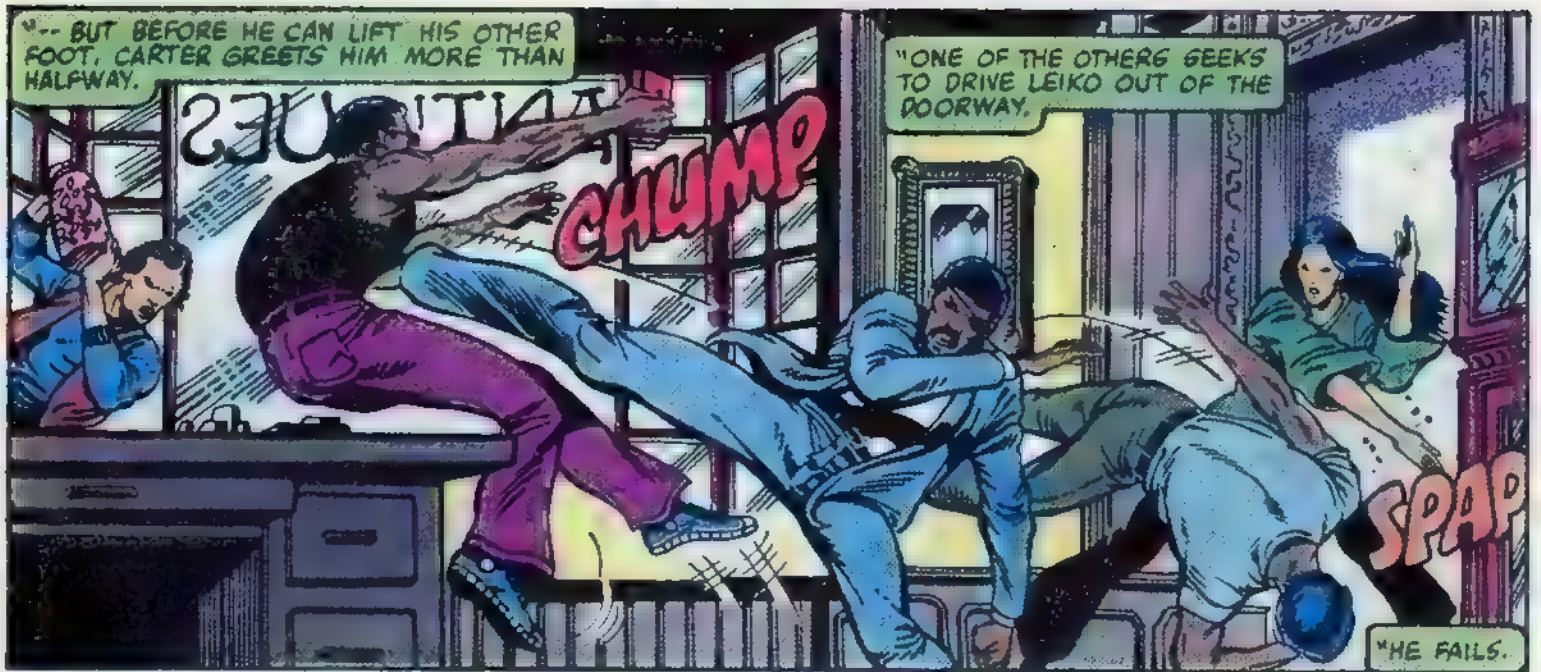


LET'S GET COCKY.

THAT RED BOOK YOU'RE HOLDIN' IS A RECORD OF MY CASH RECEIPTS... AND SINCE I NEED SAID RECORDS, YOU BEST PUT IT DOWN... FAST.



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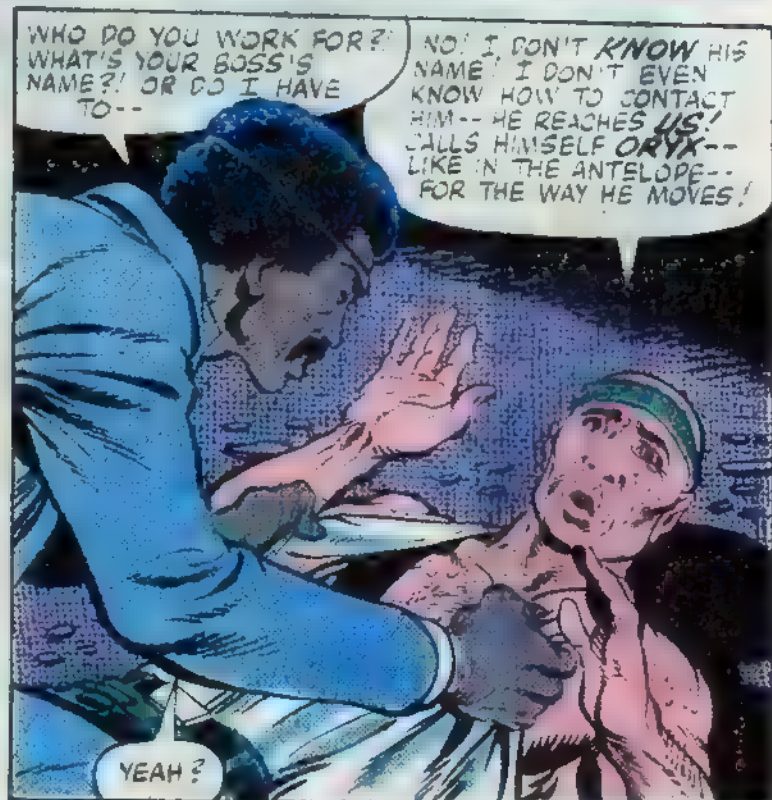
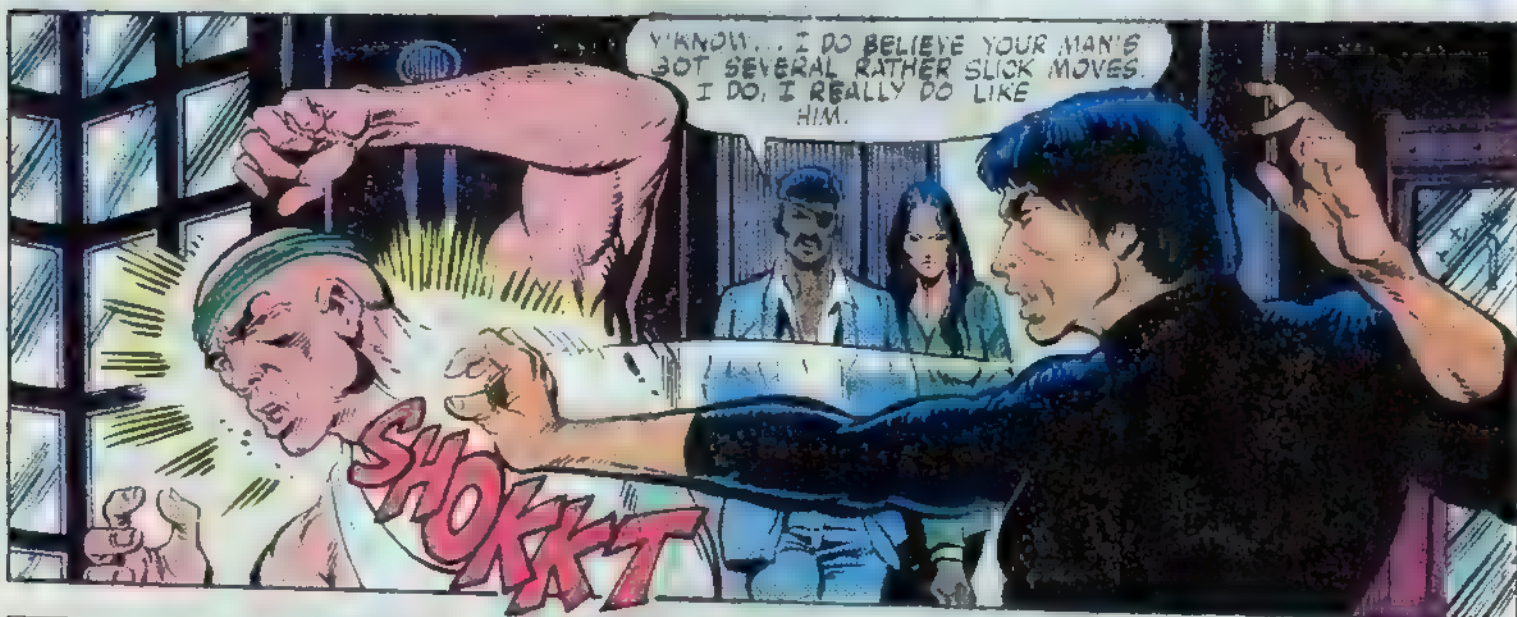
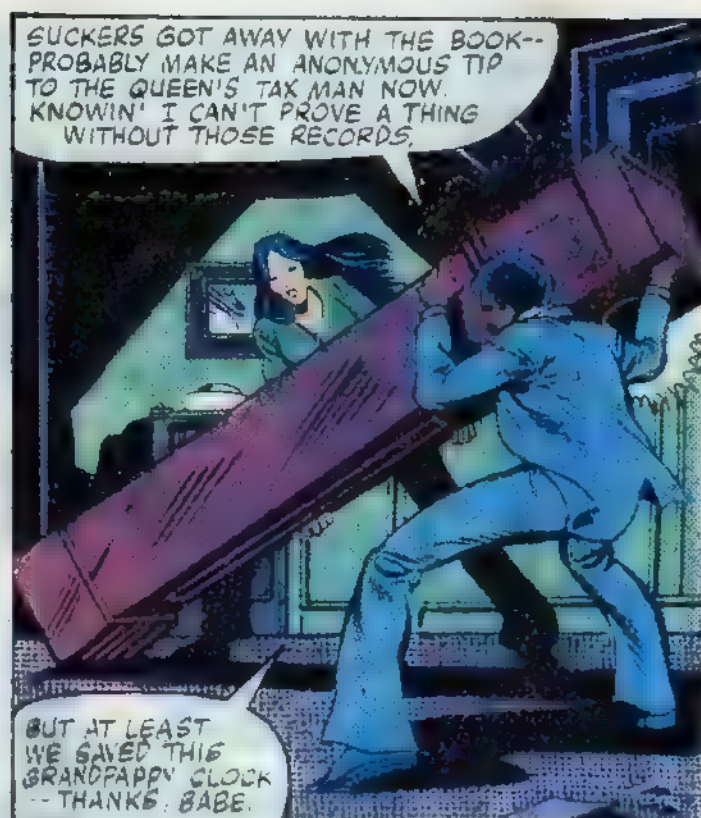
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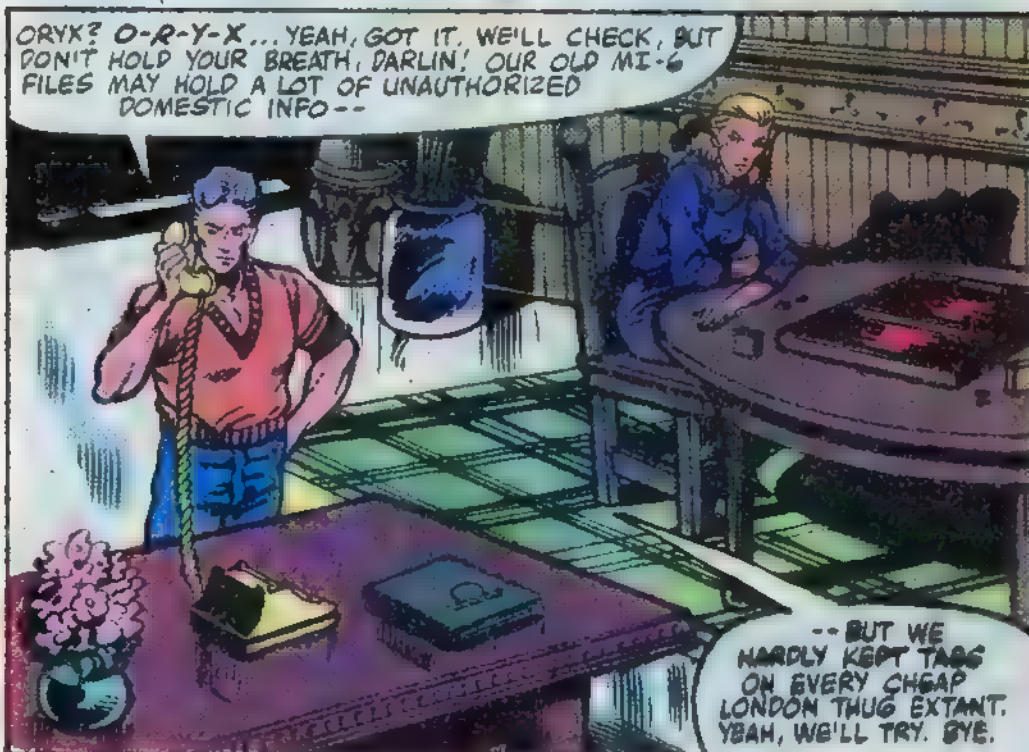
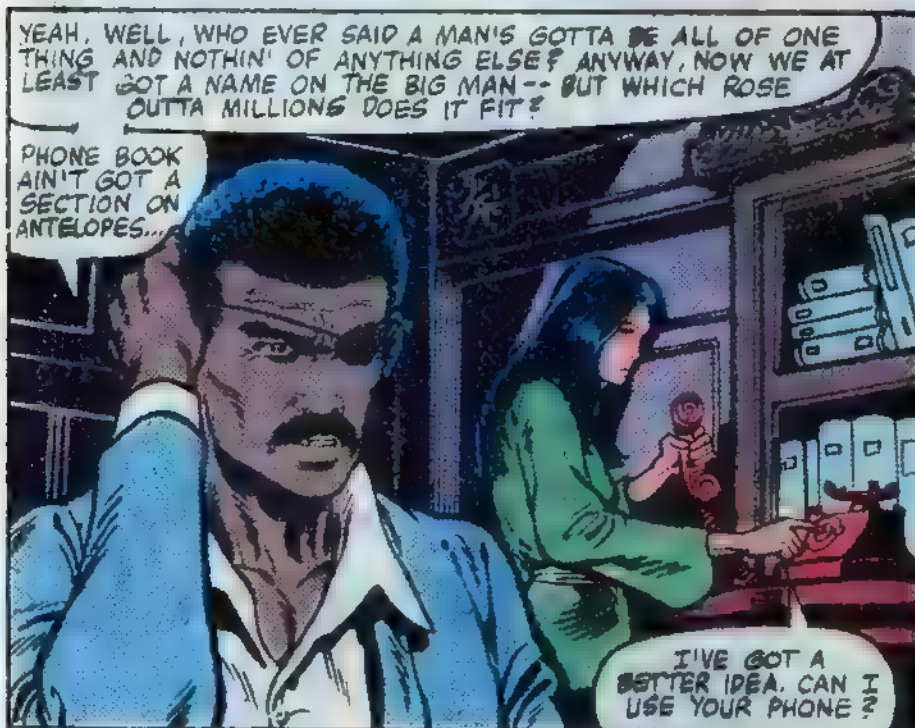
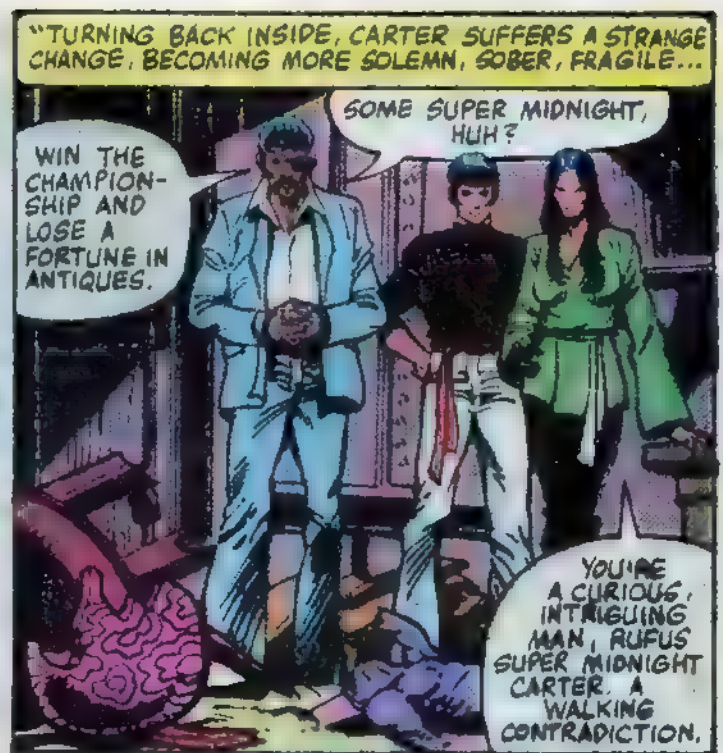
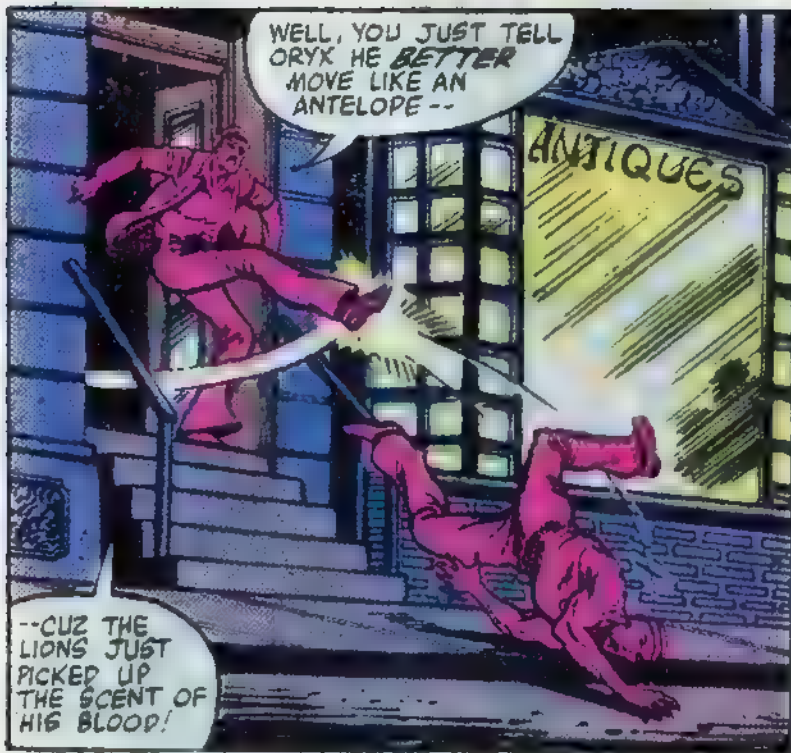
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ALMOST WISH WE'D SKIPPED
THAT BACKGAMMON GAME
AND GONE TO BED.
COULD'VE PRETENDED WE
DIDN'T HEAR THE PHONE...

YOU DON'T MEAN
THAT, CLIVE, AND
YOU KNOW IT...

YOU'D DO ANYTHING
TO HELP LEIKO AND
SHANG-CHI.

GUILTY AS CHARGED,
DARLIN', BUT I MUST BE
GETTIN' OLD -- MY EYES
ARE ALL CRINKLY AND THAT
COFFEE WE HAD IS ACTING
LIKE A SOPORIFIC. WISH
TARR WERE HERE TO HELP.
WHERE IS HE ANYWAY?

UP IN REDHEATH
TOWER WITH MY
SISTER. SHE SAID SHE
WANTED HIM TO HELP
LOOK THROUGH SOME
OLD BOXES UP THERE...

WELL, MANDY, WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO NOW THAT LEEKS
HAS SUCCEEDED IN DEPROGRAM-
MING YOU -- NOW THAT
YOU'VE FOUND YOUR HEAD
AGAIN?

I'M NOT
SURE I HAVE,
BLACK JACK...

I STILL FEEL SOMETHING
LACKING, STILL FEEL EMPTY.
OH, DON'T WORRY -- I'M NOT
READY TO GO BACK TO
SAMISDAT'S DAWNING
LIGHT, OR ANY OTHER
CULT FOR THAT
MATTER.

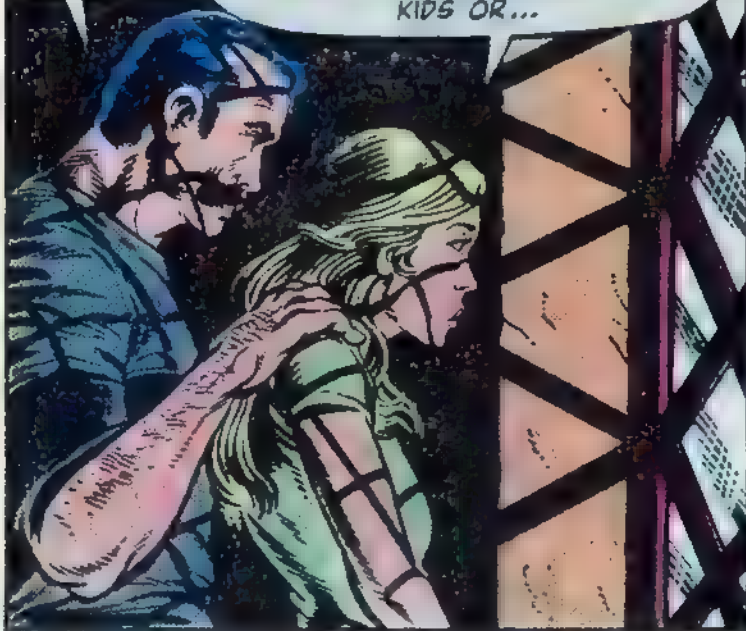
CULTS LIKE
THAT OFFER
ONLY FALSE
FULFILLMENT...

THEY DON'T REALLY SUPPLY THE
NEED I FEEL -- THE NEED SO MANY
KIDS FEEL TODAY. IT'S A SENSE
OF... WASTING ONESELF... OF
FLATNESS, NO DEPTH... SIMPLY
PLODDING ALONG WITH NO LIGHT
AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL...
NOTHING WAITING AT THE END
BUT BOREDOM AND DEATH...

BUT EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT ABOUT
TO PLOD ALONG TO THE DAWNING
LIGHT'S FALSE DRUM, NOR DO I
WISH TO RETURN WORKING FOR MY
UNCLE AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

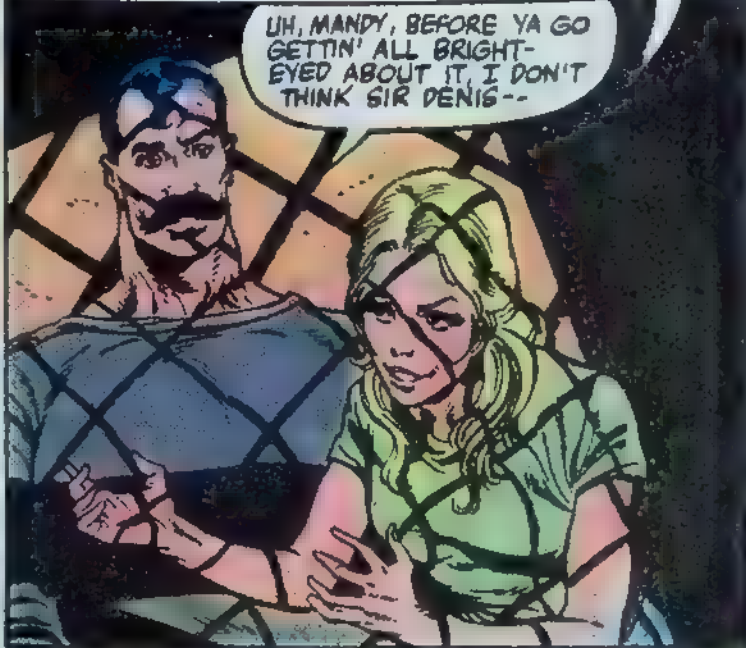
THEN WHAT
DO YOU WANT
TO DO, MANDY?

I WANT TO... OH, I DON'T KNOW,
BLACK JACK... I GUESS I WANT TO
FULFILL THAT ELUSIVE NEED--
PERHAPS BY HELPING *TRULY* NEEDY
KIDS OR...

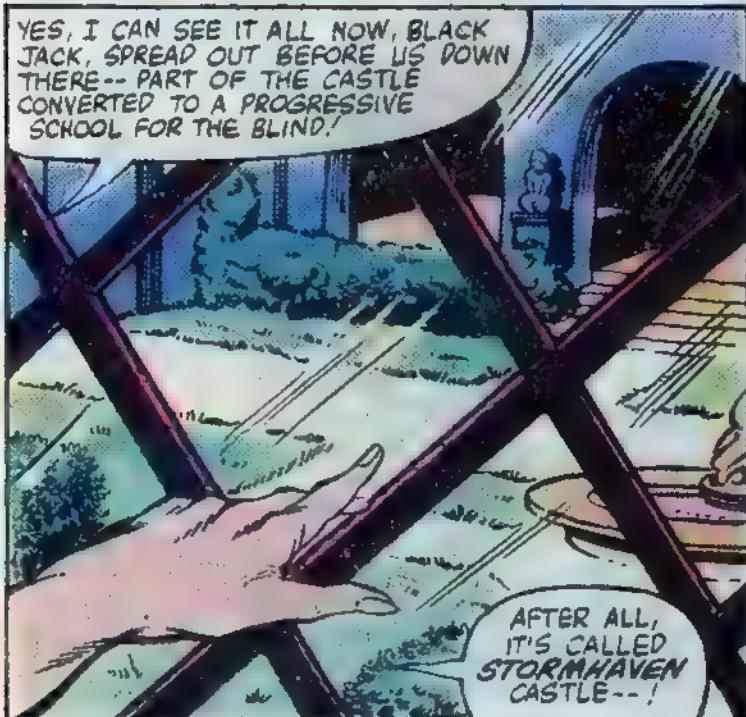


YES! THAT'S IT! I WANT TO IGNITE MY *OWN* DAWNING
LIGHT-- BY HELPING BLIND KIDS TO SEE IN NEW WAYS!
AND IT COULD BE DONE RIGHT HERE, DON'T YOU SEE?!

UH, MANDY, BEFORE YA GO
GETTIN' ALL BRIGHT-
EYED ABOUT IT, I DON'T
THINK SIR DENIS--



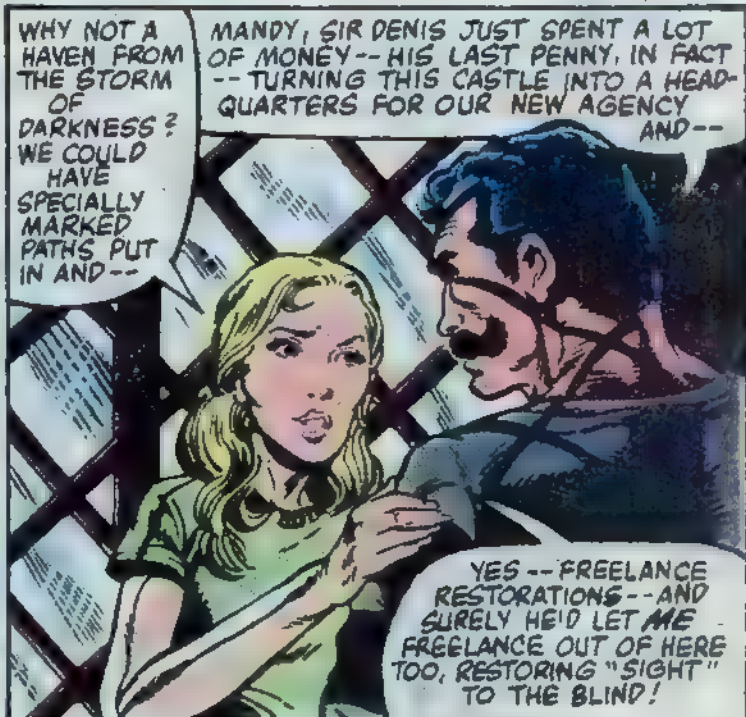
YES, I CAN SEE IT ALL NOW, BLACK
JACK, SPREAD OUT BEFORE US DOWN
THERE-- PART OF THE CASTLE
CONVERTED TO A PROGRESSIVE
SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND!



AFTER ALL,
IT'S CALLED
STORMHAVEN
CASTLE--!

WHY NOT A
HAVEN FROM
THE STORM
OF
DARKNESS?
WE COULD
HAVE
SPECIALLY
MARKED
PATHS PUT
IN AND--

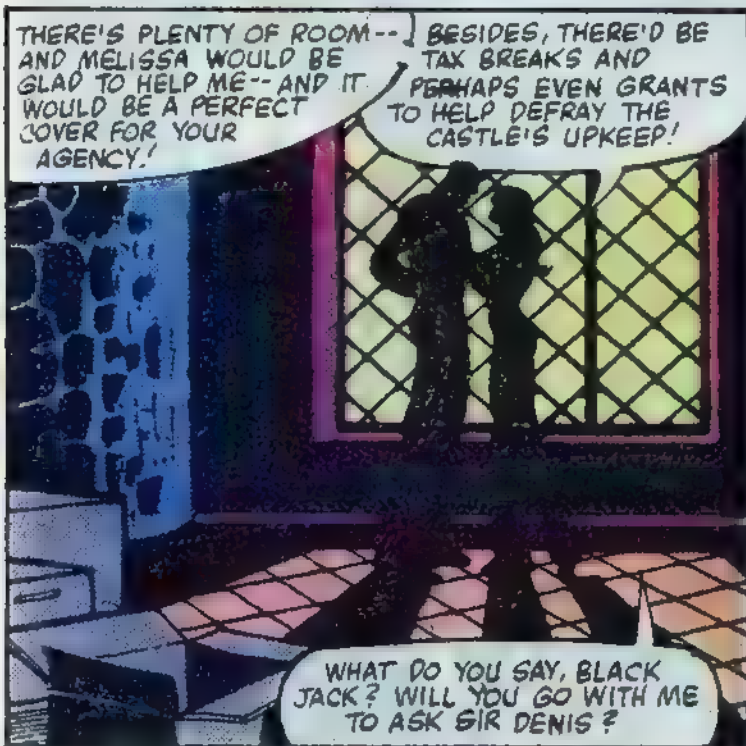
MANDY, SIR DENIS JUST SPENT A LOT
OF MONEY-- HIS LAST PENNY, IN FACT
-- TURNING THIS CASTLE INTO A HEAD-
QUARTERS FOR OUR NEW AGENCY
AND--



YES-- FREELANCE
RESTORATIONS-- AND
SURELY HE'D LET *ME*
FREELANCE OUT OF HERE
TOO, RESTORING "SIGHT"
TO THE BLIND!

THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM--
AND MELISSA WOULD BE
GLAD TO HELP ME-- AND IT
WOULD BE A PERFECT
COVER FOR YOUR
AGENCY!

BESIDES, THERE'D BE
TAX BREAKS AND
PERHAPS EVEN GRANTS
TO HELP DEFRAY THE
CASTLE'S UPKEEP!

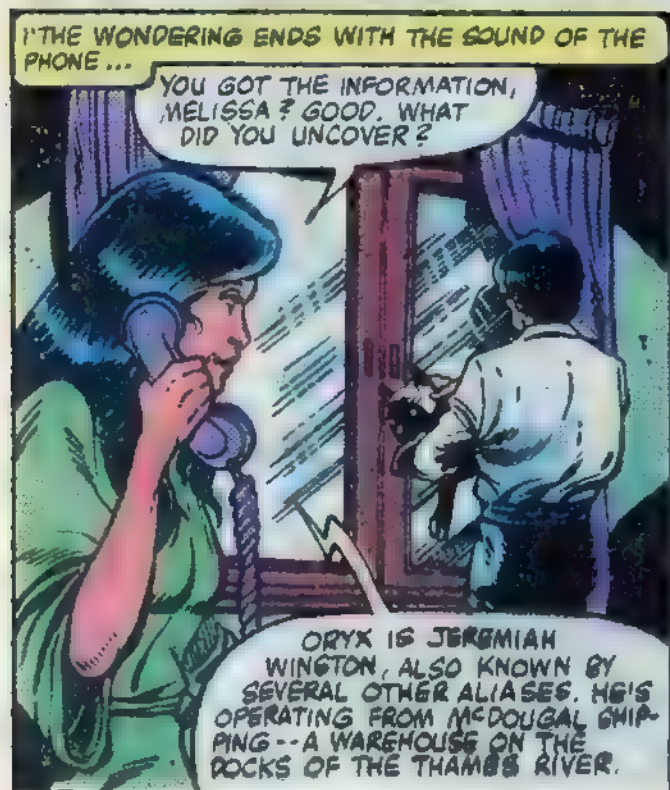
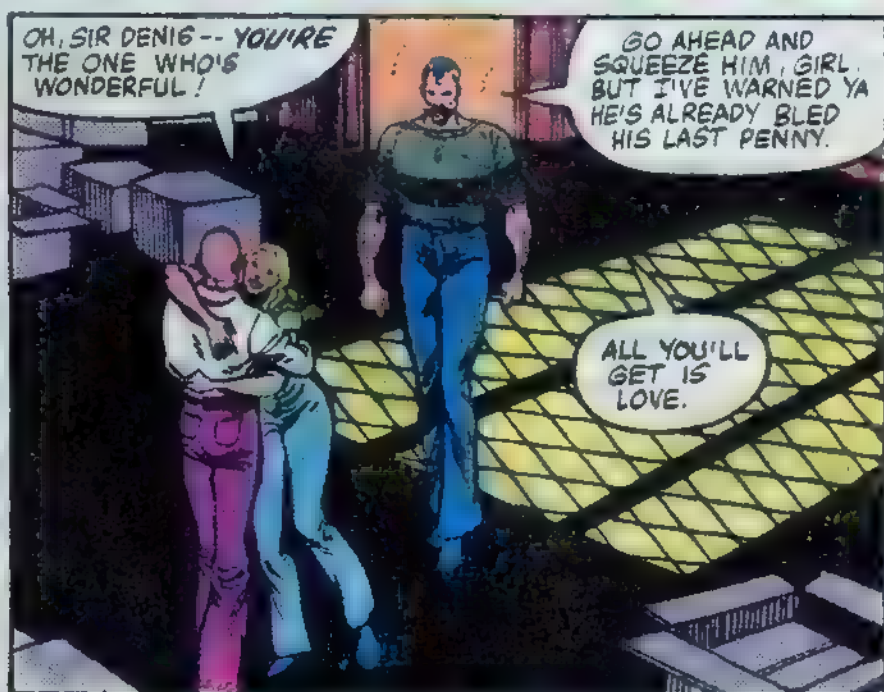
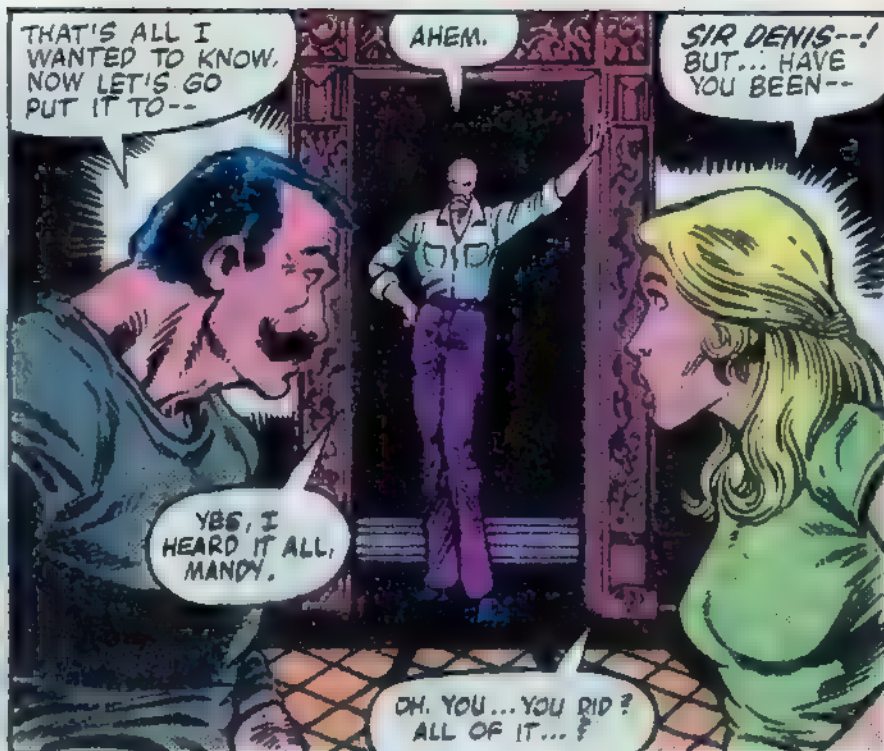


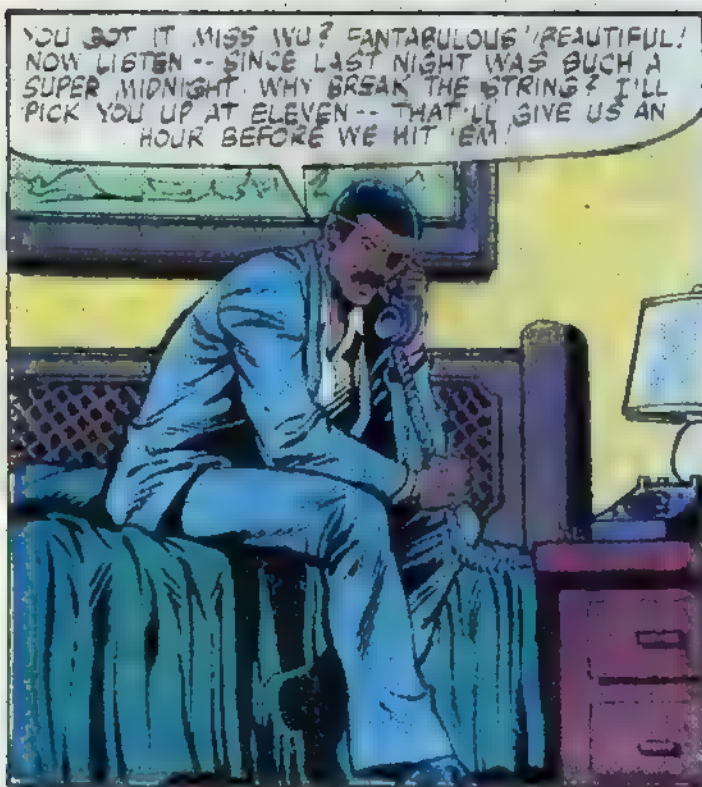
WHAT DO YOU SAY, BLACK
JACK? WILL YOU GO WITH ME
TO ASK SIR DENIS?

ANSWER ONE QUESTION FIRST, YOU LITTLE
VIXEN. YOU DIDN'T COOK ALL THIS UP RIGHT
HERE ON THE SPOT, DID YOU? YOU HAD IT
PLANNED ALL ALONG!

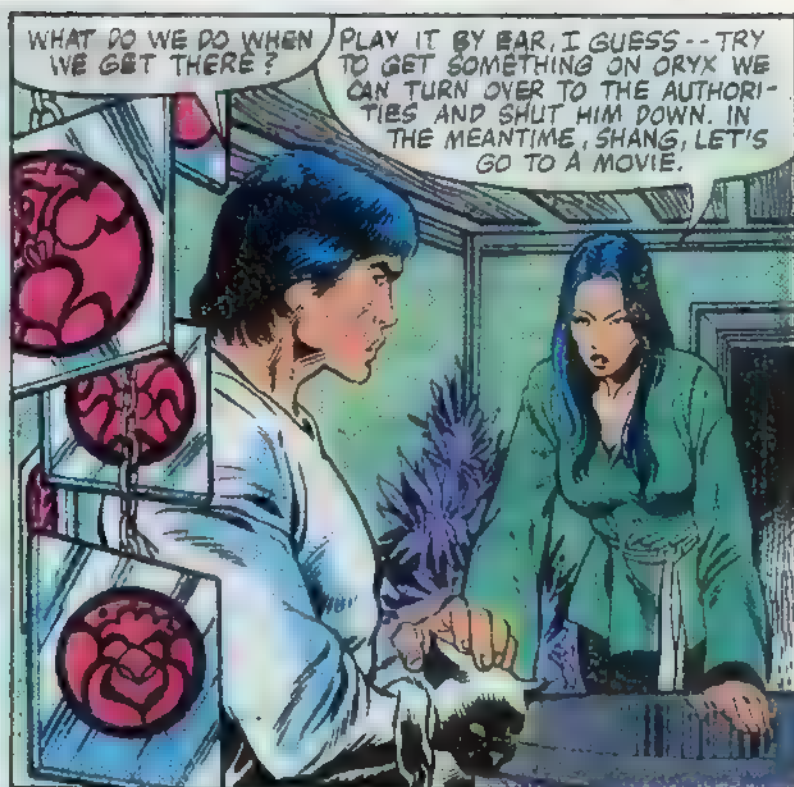
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I GUESS
YOU COULD
SAY...





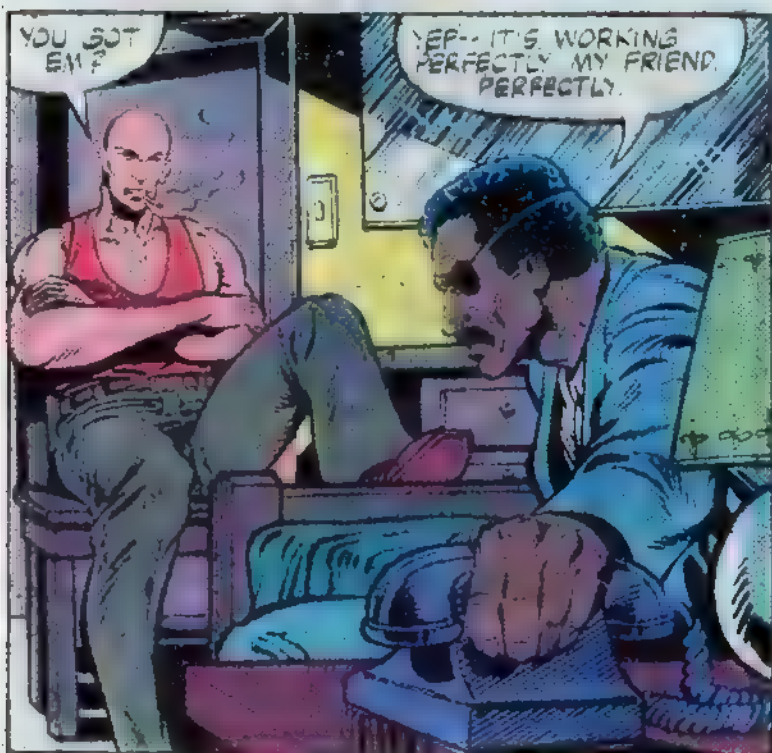


YOU GOT IT, MISS WU? FANTABULOUS! BEAUTIFUL! NOW LISTEN -- SINCE LAST NIGHT WAS SUCH A SUPER MIDNIGHT, WHY BREAK THE STRING? I'LL PICK YOU UP AT ELEVEN -- THAT'LL GIVE US AN HOUR BEFORE WE HIT 'EM!



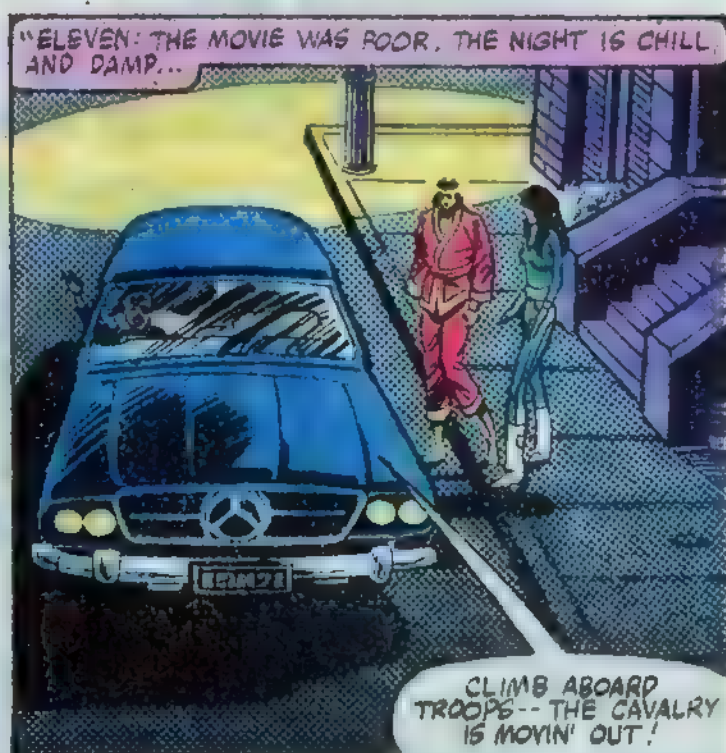
WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE GET THERE?

PLAY IT BY EAR, I GUESS -- TRY TO GET SOMETHING ON ORYX WE CAN TURN OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES AND SHUT HIM DOWN. IN THE MEANTIME, SHANG, LET'S GO TO A MOVIE.



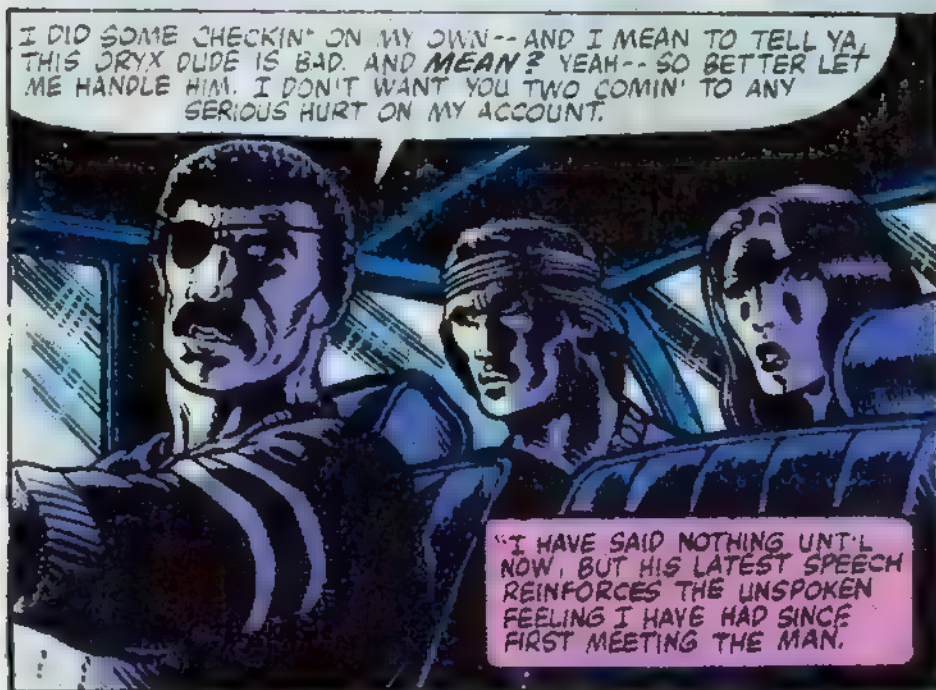
YOU GOT EM?

YEP -- IT'S WORKING PERFECTLY. MY FRIEND, PERFECTLY.



"ELEVEN: THE MOVIE WAS POOR, THE NIGHT IS CHILL AND DAMP..."

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I DID SOME CHECKIN' ON MY OWN -- AND I MEAN TO TELL YA THIS ORYX DUDE IS BAD. AND *MEAN*? YEAH -- SO BETTER LET ME HANDLE HIM. I DON'T WANT YOU TWO COMIN' TO ANY SERIOUS HURT ON MY ACCOUNT.

"I HAVE SAID NOTHING UNTIL NOW, BUT HIS LATEST SPEECH REINFORCES THE UNSPOKEN FEELING I HAVE HAD SINCE FIRST MEETING THE MAN.



"THERE IS MORE TO THIS AFFAIR THAN MEETS THE EYE. HIS EYE? PERHAPS..."

"MINE, CERTAINLY.

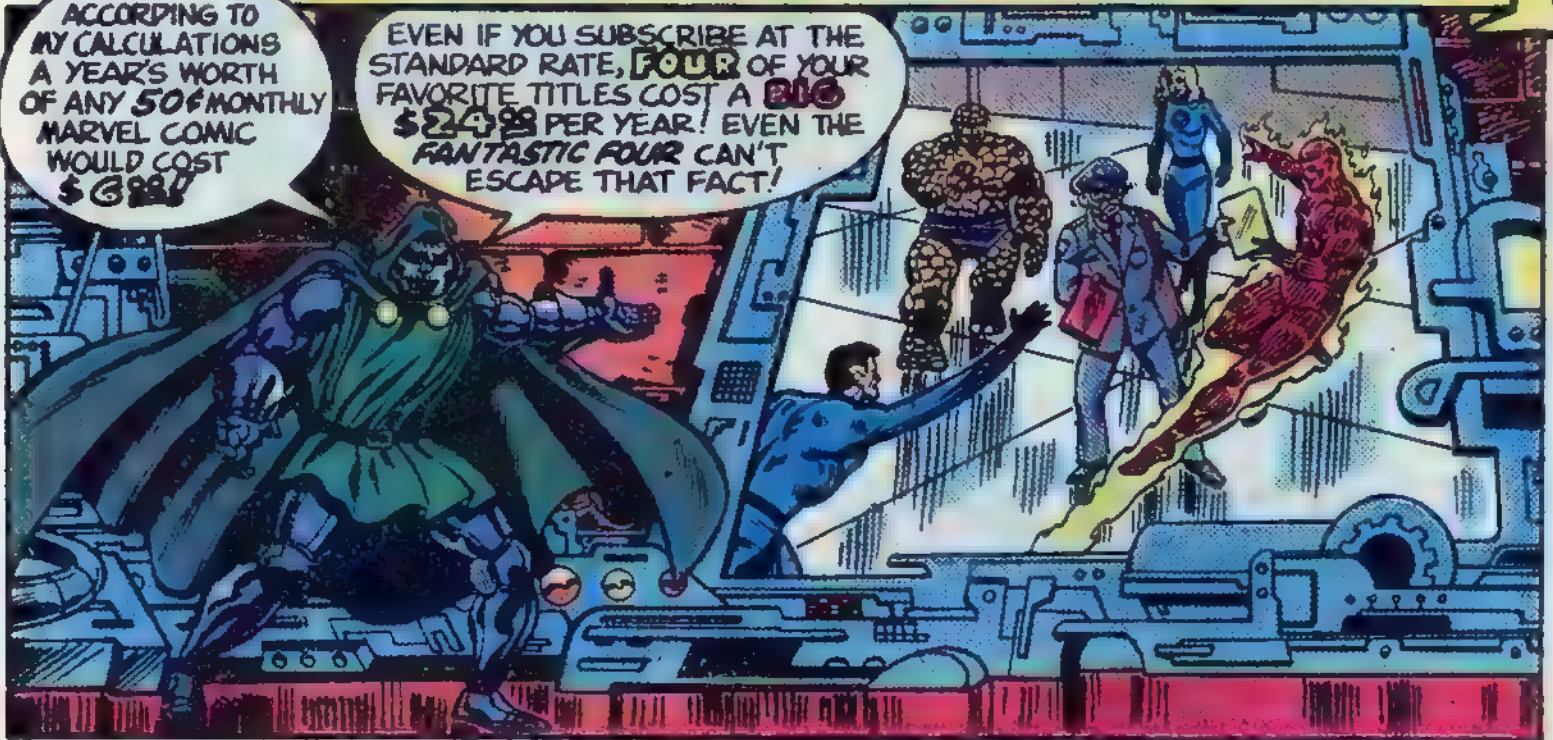
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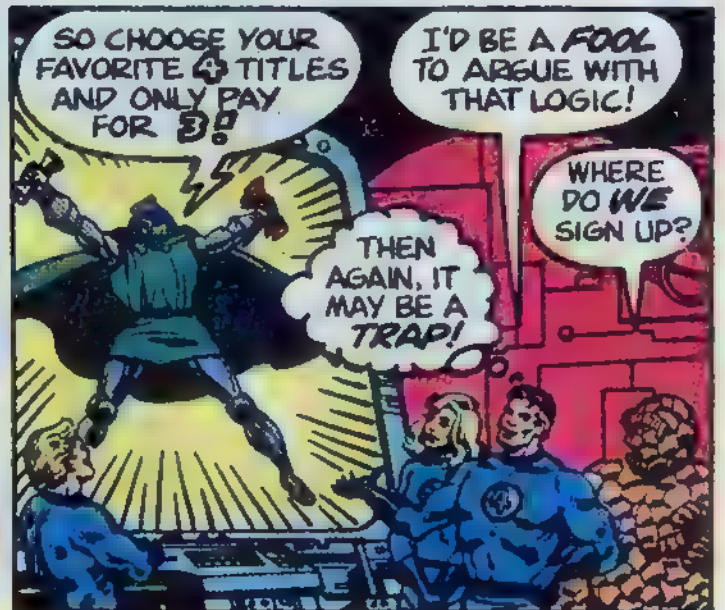


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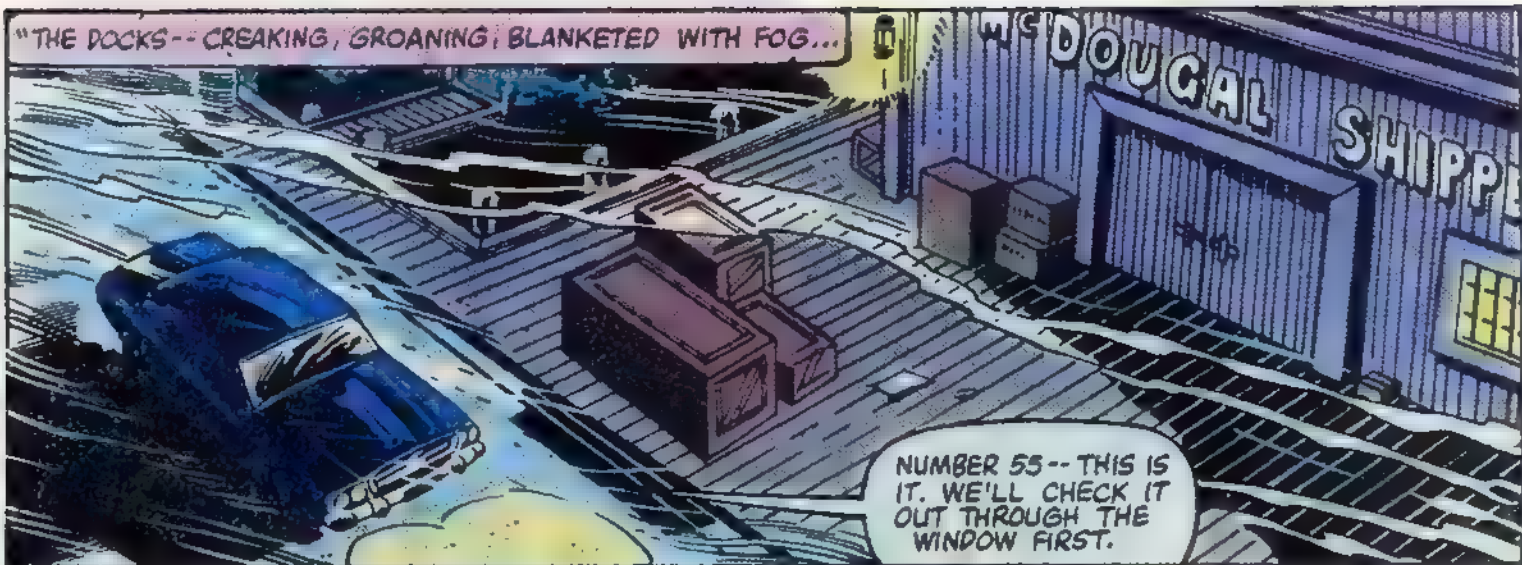
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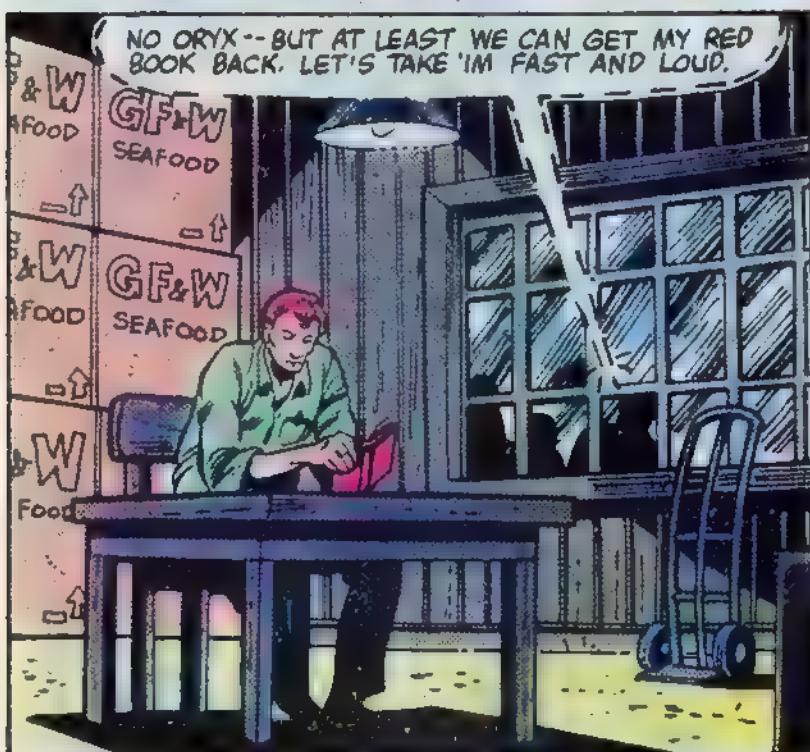
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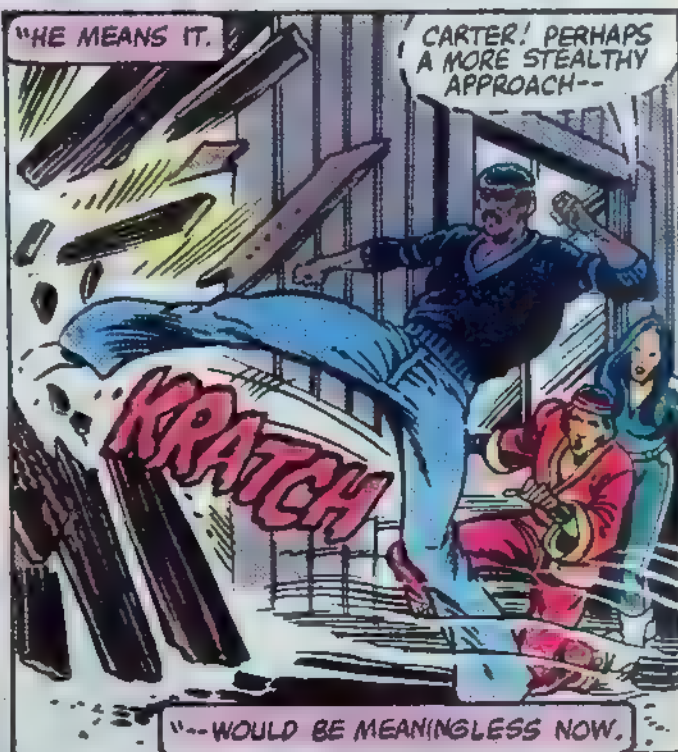
NUMBER 55-- THIS IS IT. WE'LL CHECK IT OUT THROUGH THE WINDOW FIRST.

NO ORYX-- BUT AT LEAST WE CAN GET MY RED BOOK BACK. LET'S TAKE 'IM FAST AND LOUD.



"HE MEANS IT.

CARTER! PERHAPS A MORE STEALTHY APPROACH--



"--WOULD BE MEANINGLESS NOW.

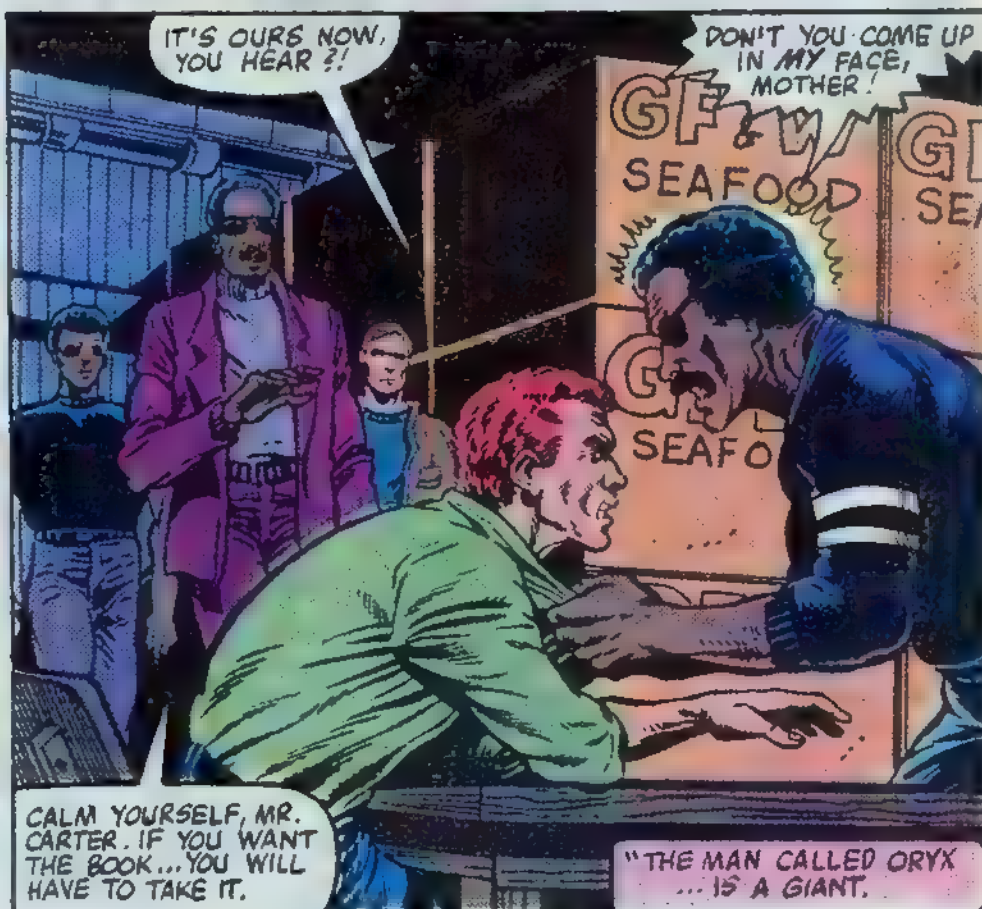
THE BOOK! GIVE ME THAT RED BOOK!!

IT AIN'T YOURS, CARTER!



IT'S OURS NOW, YOU HEAR?!

DON'T YOU COME UP IN MY FACE, MOTHER!



CALM YOURSELF, MR. CARTER. IF YOU WANT THE BOOK... YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE IT.

"THE MAN CALLED ORYX ... IS A GIANT.

THAT'S JUST FINE WITH ME, YOU SKINNY WATER BUFFALO -- CUZ IT'S JUST WHAT I AIM TO DO!

AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'M GONNA RIP OUT YOUR HEART AND SPIT IN THE HOLE!



ARE YOU INDEED, LITTLE MAN?



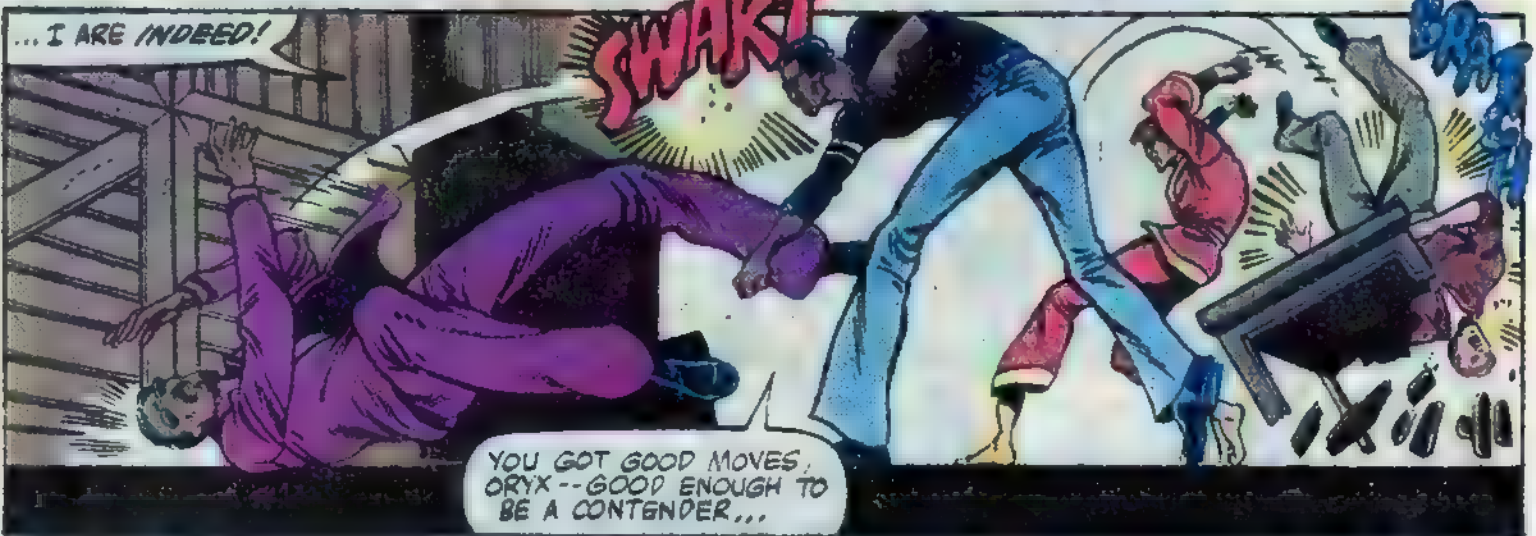
YES, BIG MAN...



... I ARE INDEED!

SWAKT

YOU GOT GOOD MOVES, ORYX -- GOOD ENOUGH TO BE A CONTENDER...



... BUT YOU JUST DONE RUN INTO THE CHAMPION!

INDEED. BUT IN OUR BUSINESS, MR. CARTER, THE RULES OF THE RING...

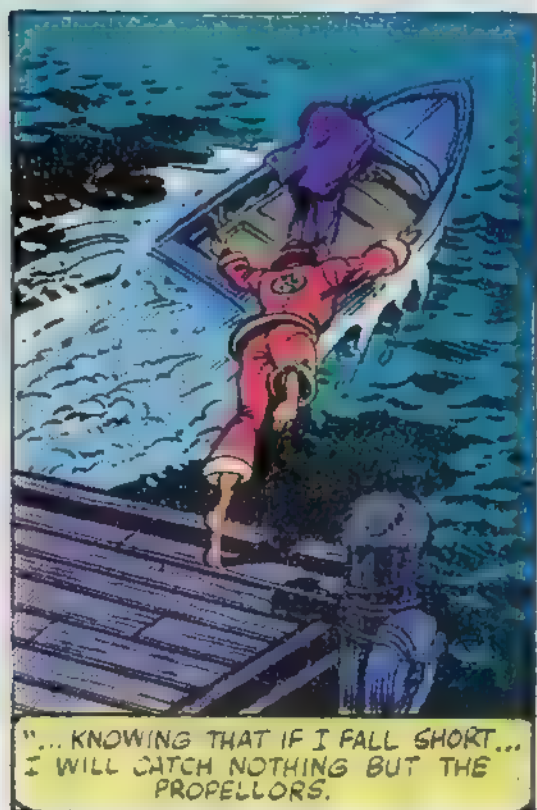
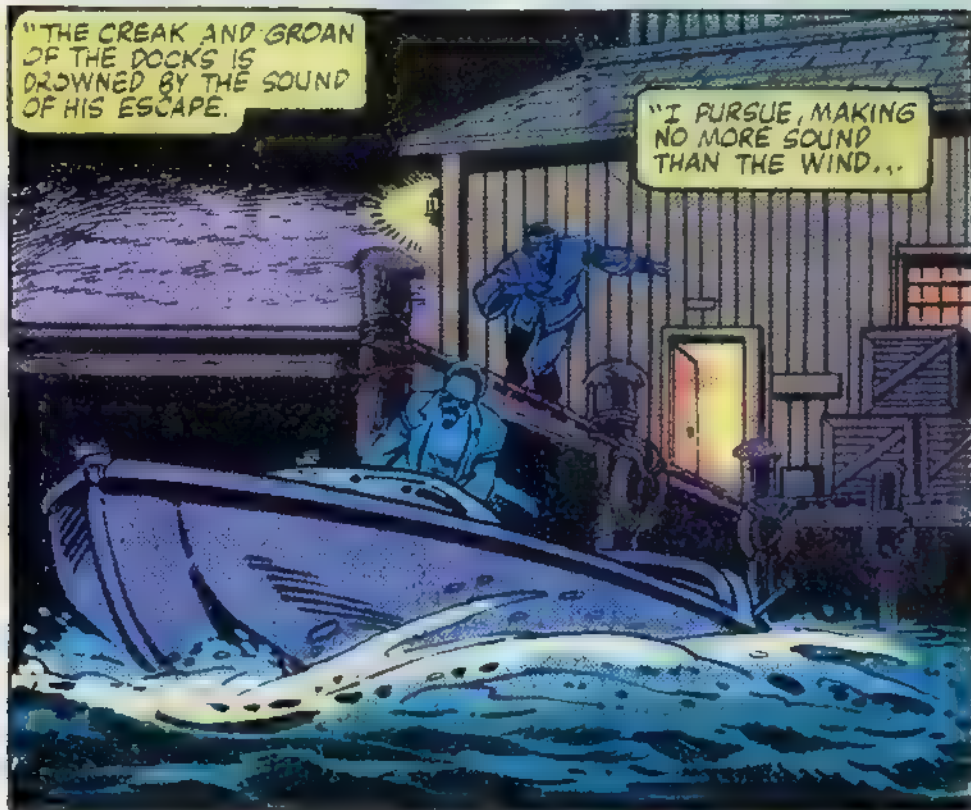


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SHANG! HE'S GOT A KNIFE! CARTER'S BEEN STABBED!!





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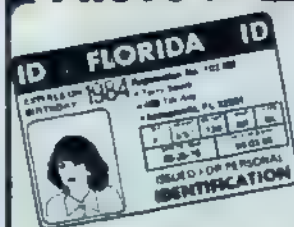
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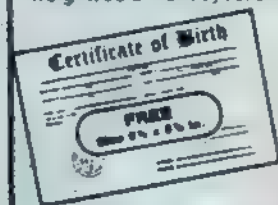
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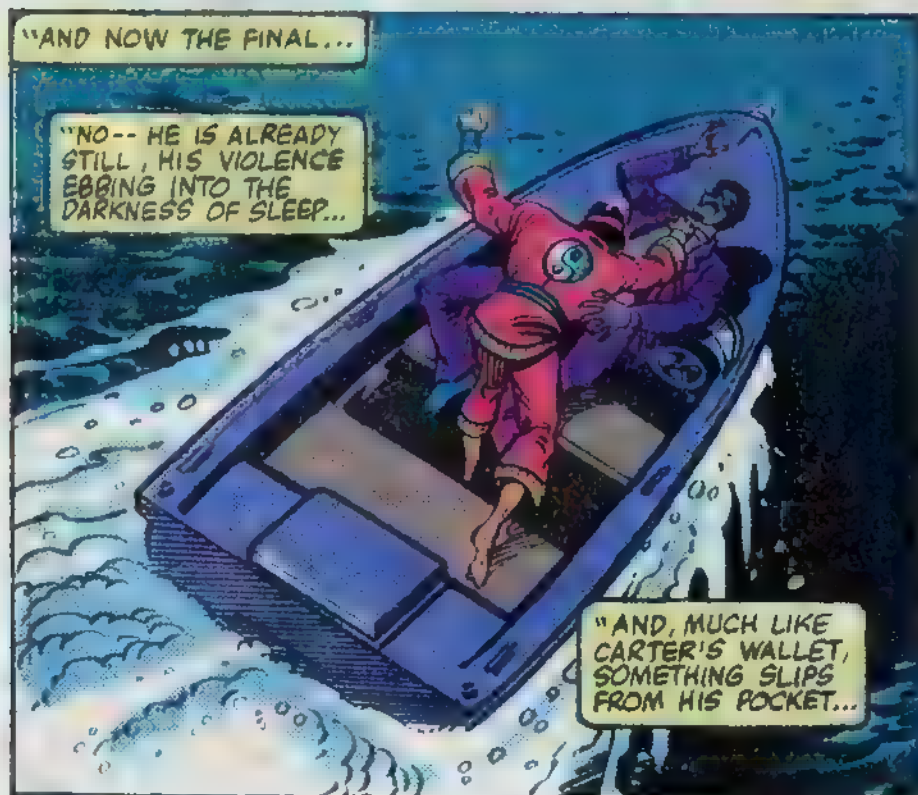
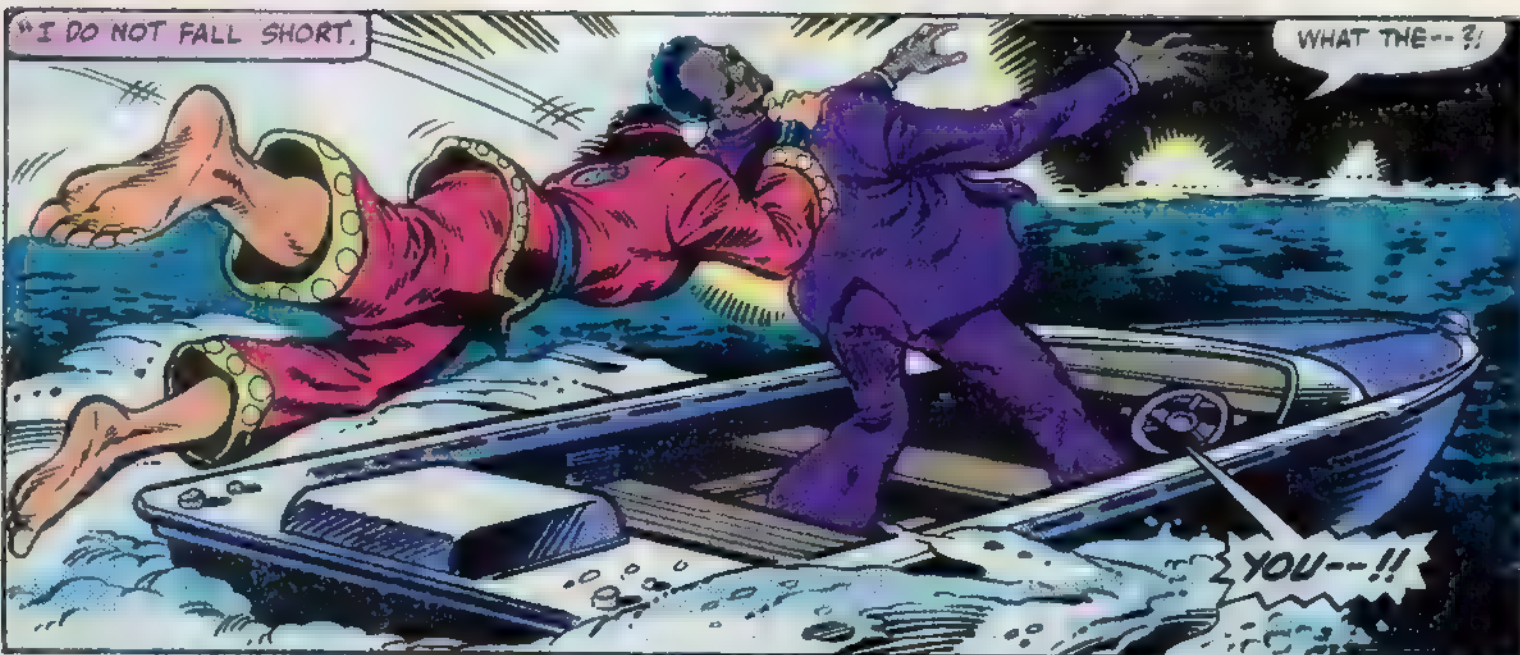
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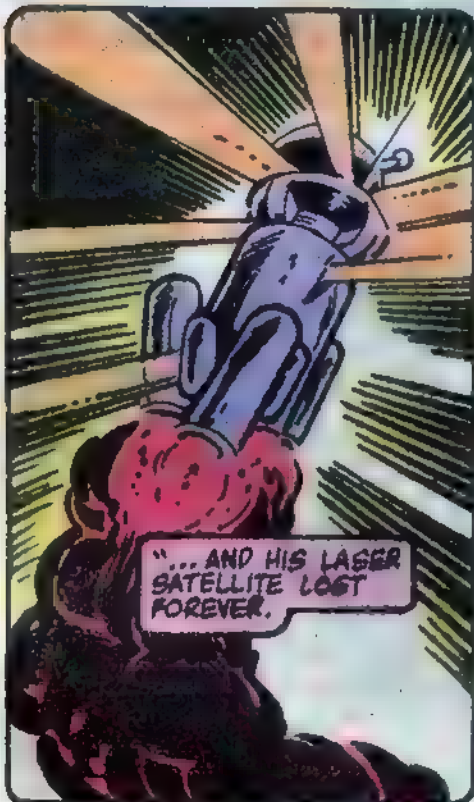


"THEN I WAS WRONG, IN A SENSE, TO THINK THAT THE BOOK WOULD NOT PERTAIN TO ANTIQUES... FOR THERE IS MUCH HERE-- EVERYTHING -- DEALING WITH OLD MATTERS AND SUBSTANCES FROM THE PAST..."



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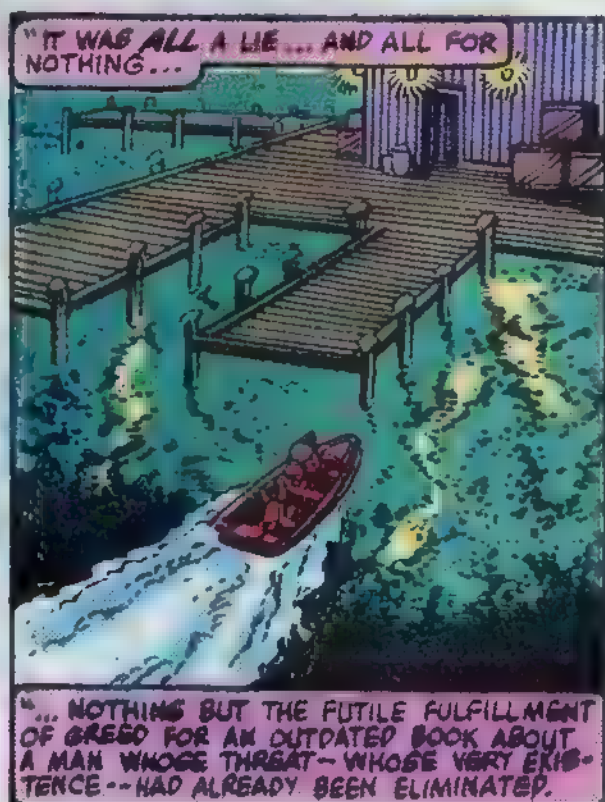
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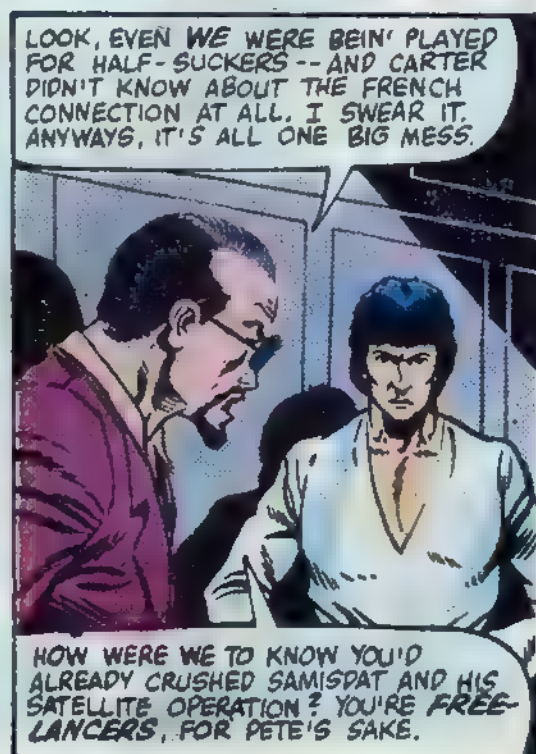
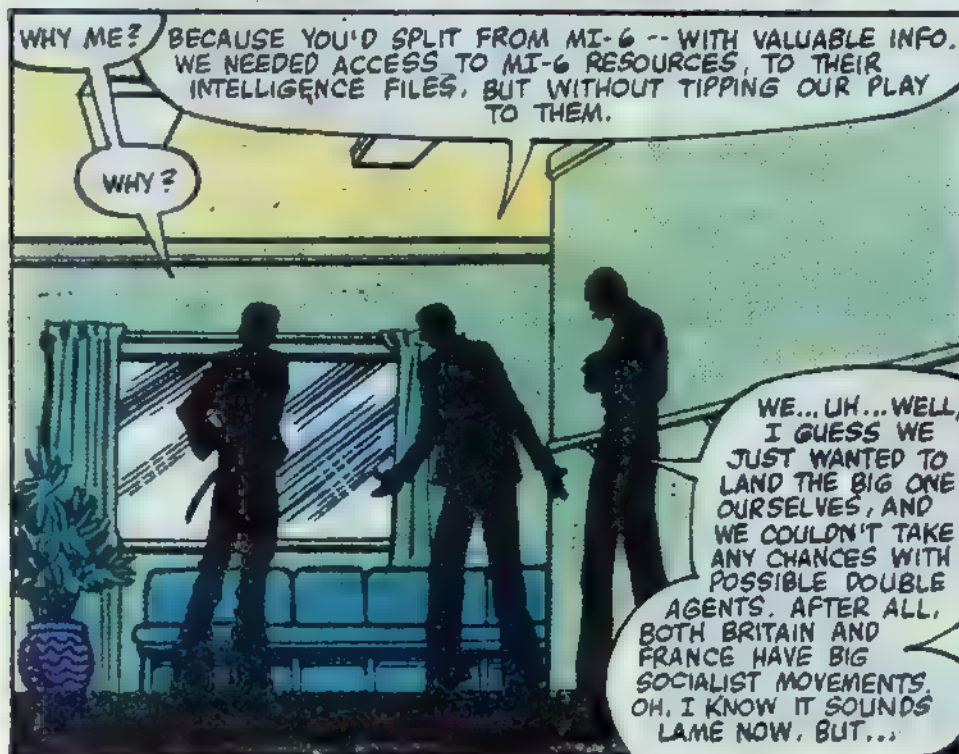
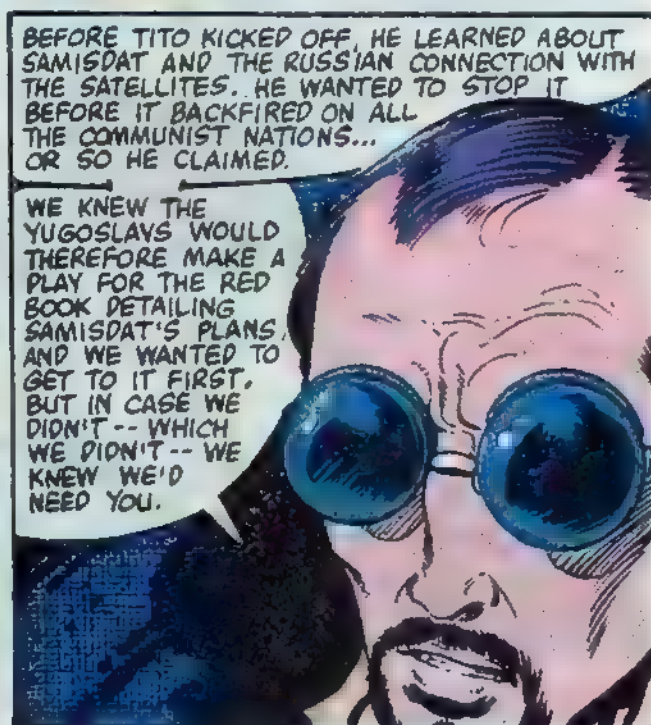
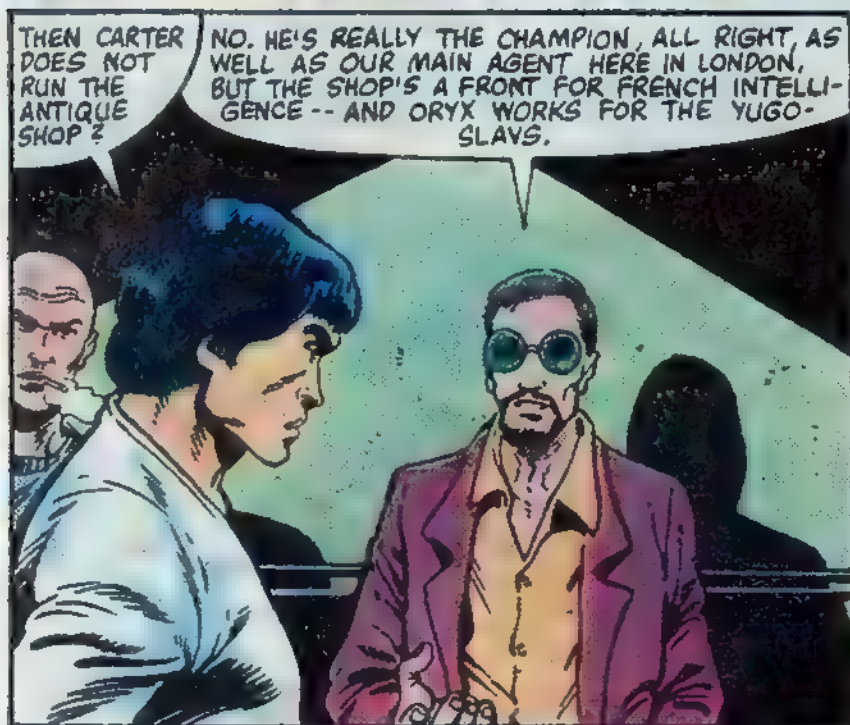
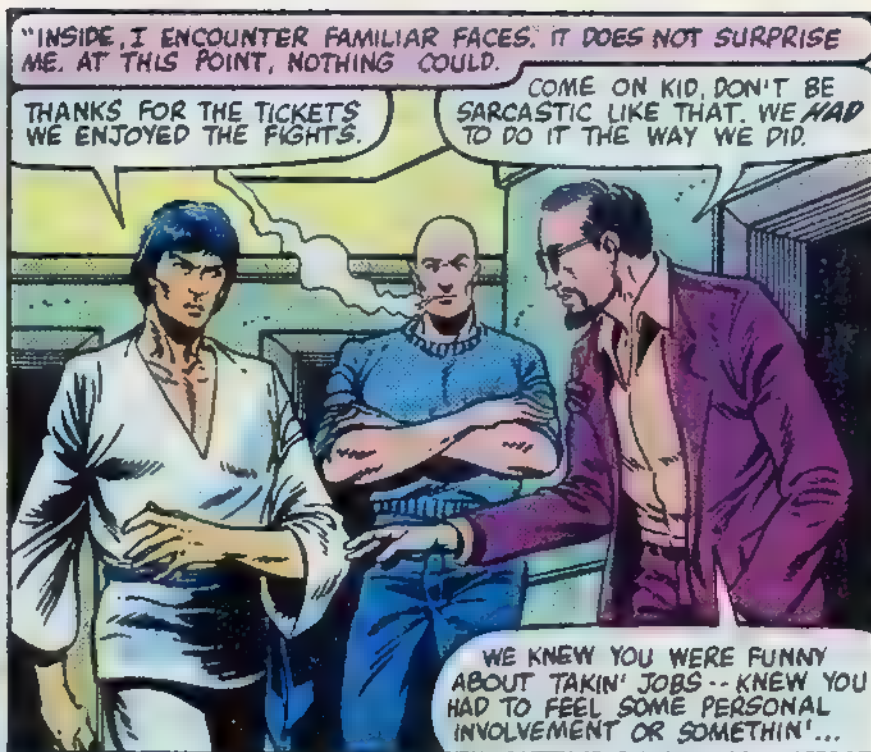
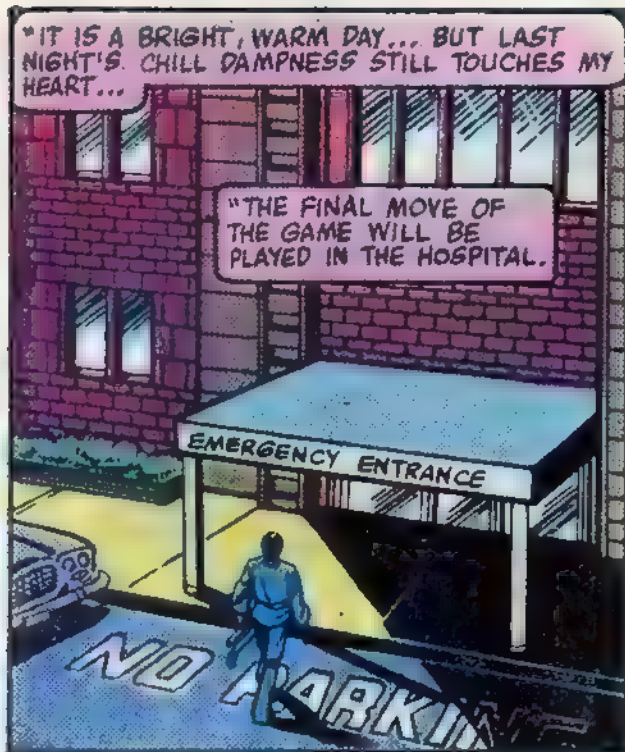


"FINALLY, SAMISDAT HIMSELF IS DEAD... JUST LIKE THE VALUE OF THIS BOOK."

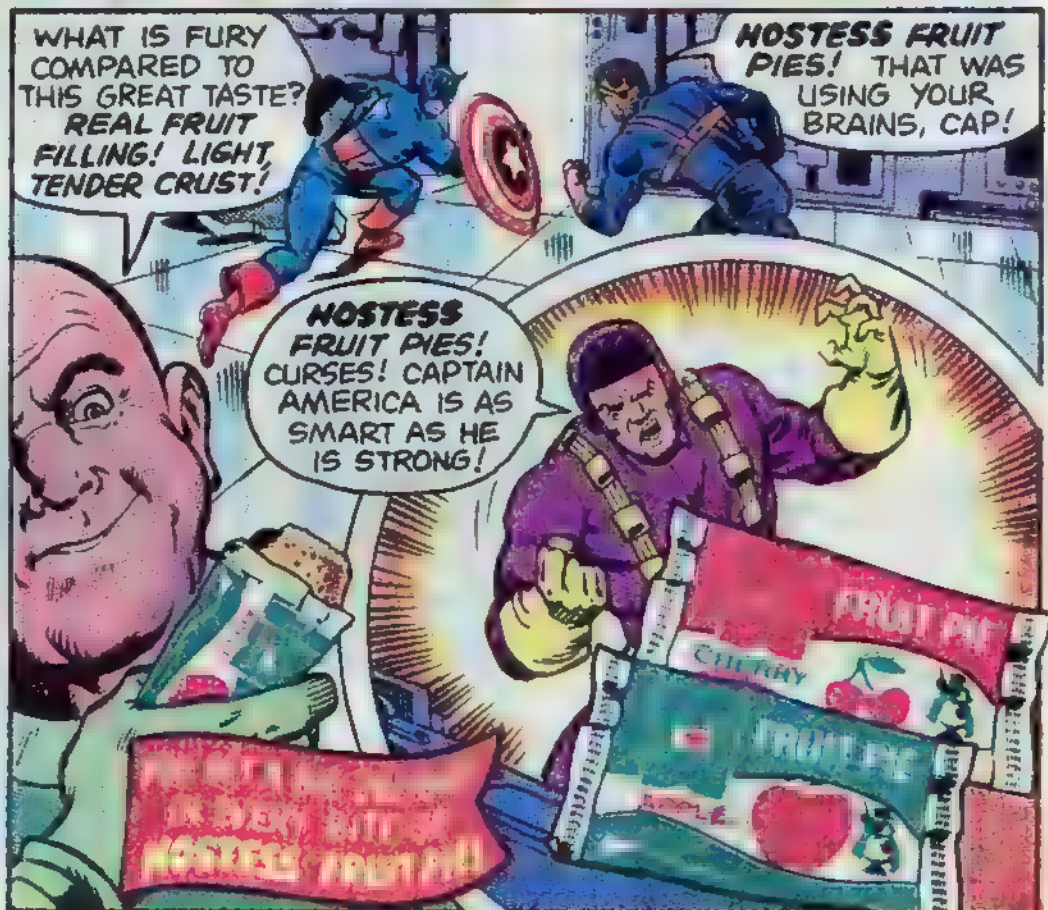
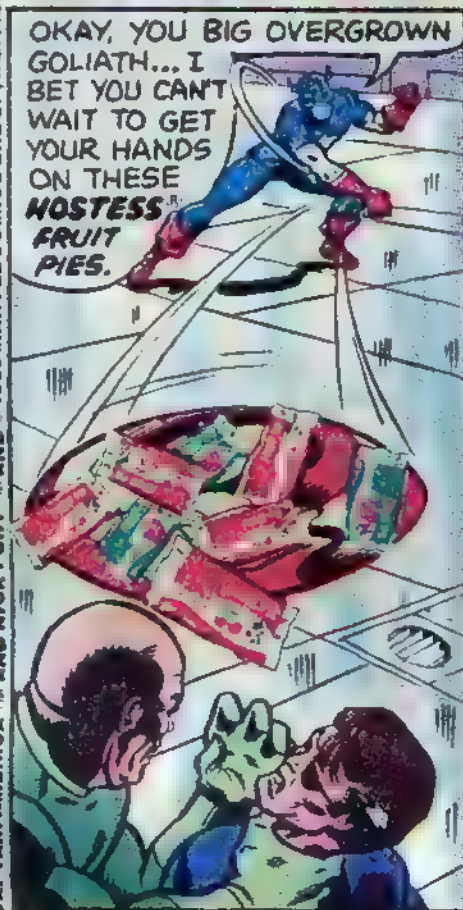
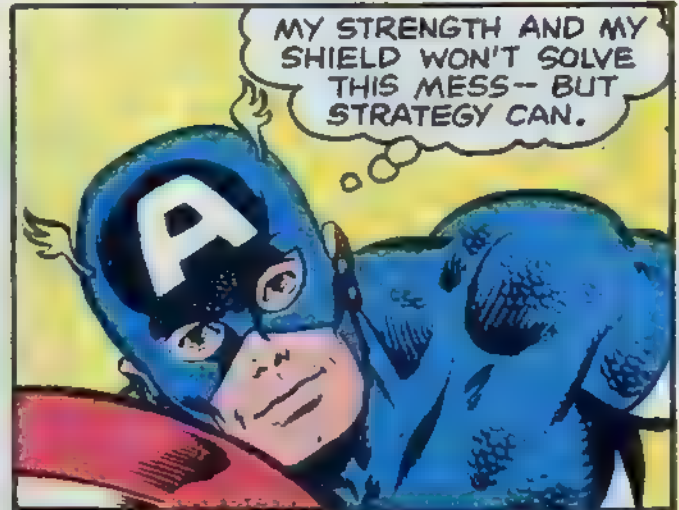
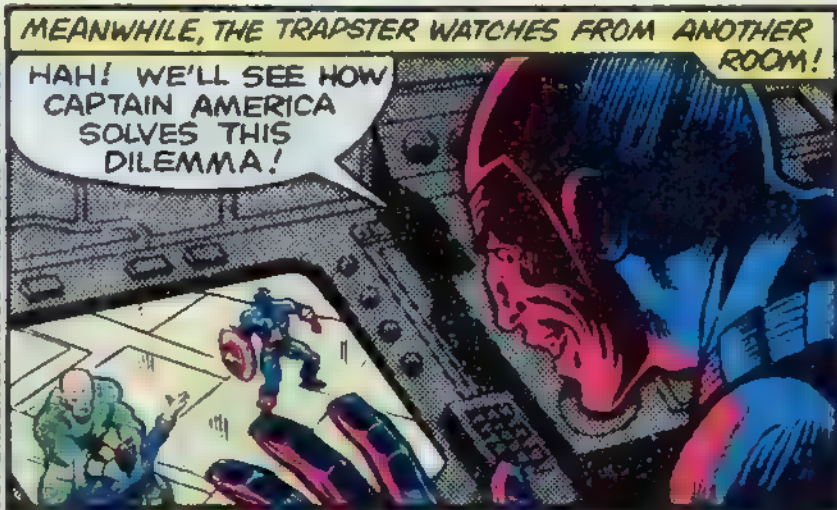
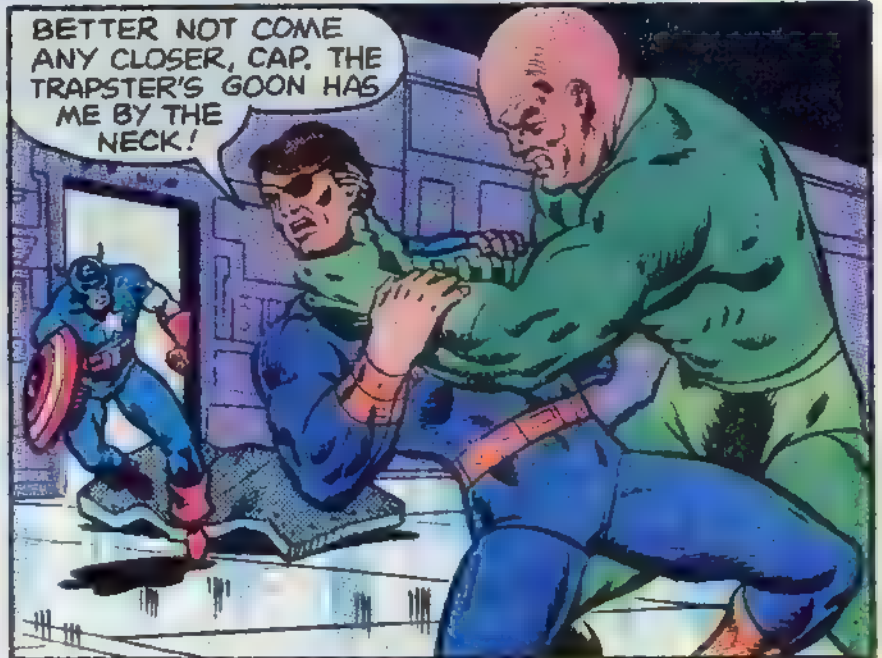
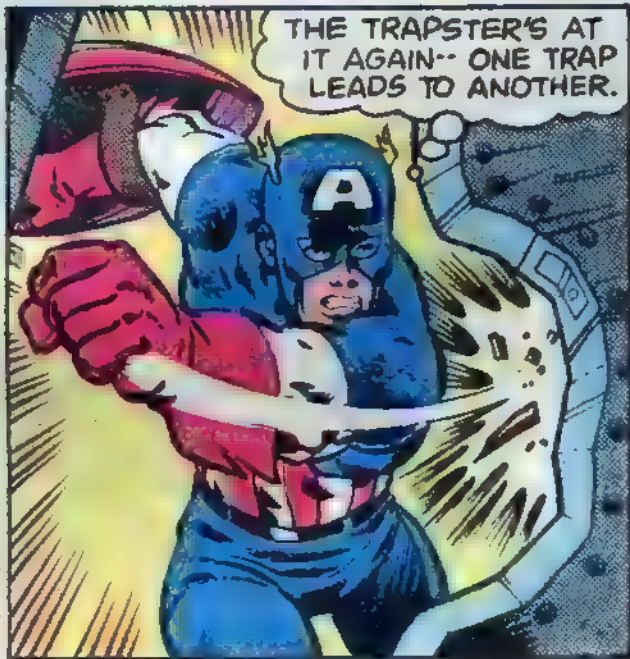


"IT WAS ALL A LIE... AND ALL FOR NOTHING..."

"... NOTHING BUT THE FUTILE FULFILLMENT OF GREED FOR AN OUTDATED BOOK ABOUT A MAN WHOSE THREAT-- WHOSE VERY EXISTENCE-- HAD ALREADY BEEN ELIMINATED."



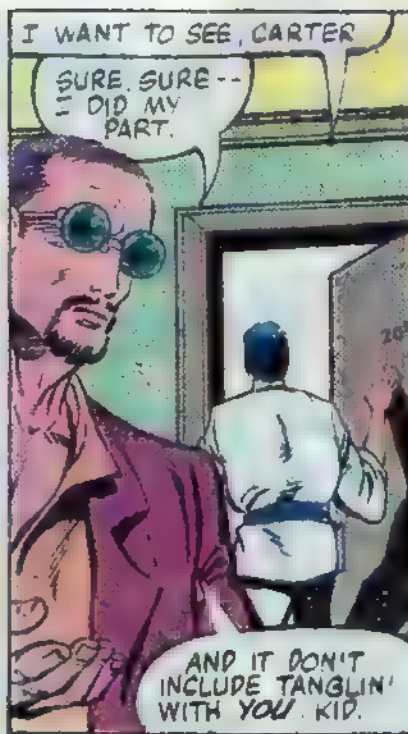
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ANYWAYS FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I APOLOGIZE.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, GET OUT OF MY WAY.



I WANT TO SEE, CARTER

SURE. SURE -- I DID MY PART.

AND IT DON'T INCLUDE TANGLIN' WITH YOU KID.



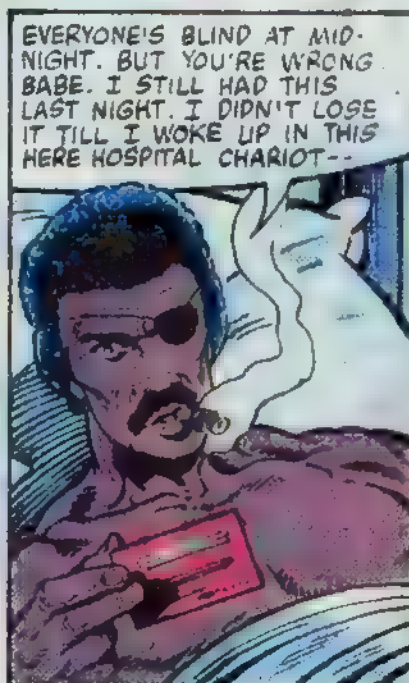
WELL, WELL IF IT AIN'T THAT LIL OLE FREELANCE RESTORER HIMSELF FRESH FROM HIS VERY OWN SUPER MIDNI--

YOU LOST THIS, CARTER

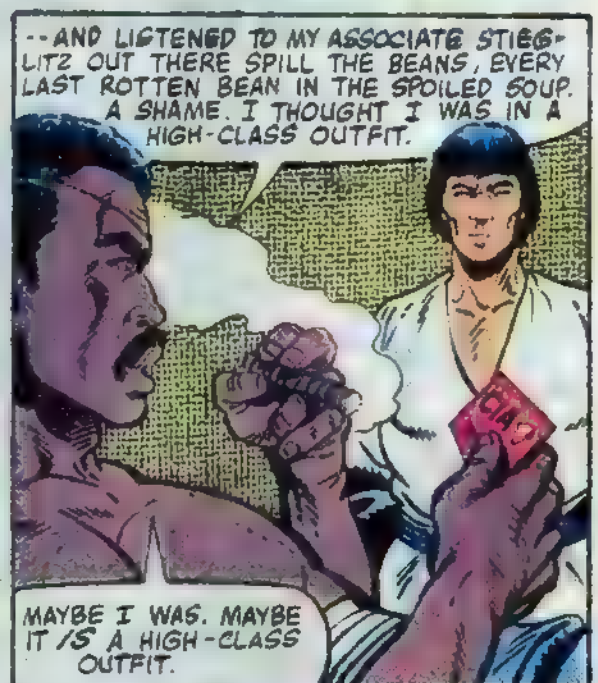


EH--? ME? WHEN DID I LOSE THAT?

LAST NIGHT, AT ABOUT... SUPER MIDNIGHT. WHEN I WAS BLIND.



EVERYONE'S BLIND AT MID-NIGHT. BUT YOU'RE WRONG BABE. I STILL HAD THIS LAST NIGHT. I DIDN'T LOSE IT TILL I WOKE UP IN THIS HERE HOSPITAL CHARIOT--



--AND LISTENED TO MY ASSOCIATE STIEGLITZ OUT THERE SPILL THE BEANS, EVERY LAST ROTTEN BEAN IN THE SPOILED SOUP. A SHAME. I THOUGHT I WAS IN A HIGH-CLASS OUTFIT.

MAYBE I WAS. MAYBE IT IS A HIGH-CLASS OUTFIT.



BUT I DON'T LIKE BEIN' PLAYED FOR A SUCKER -- ON NO ACCOUNT OTHER THAN LACK OF TRUST. THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH THIS SPY GAME.

TO WORK AT ALL, IT'S GOTTA BE BUILT ON LIES.



ME, MYSELF, I DIDN'T SEE THROUGH THE BIG LIE AT ALL. BOTH EYES WERE BLIND. BUT NEVER AGAIN. MY EYE HAS BEEN OPENED, BABE.

I JUST QUIT, DON'T YA SEE?



GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO PUT MY SPECIALIZED SKILLS TO FREELANCE WORK FROM NOW ON -- MAYBE GO INTO THE ANTIQUE BUSINESS.

"I CANNOT STOP THE SMILE. THE MAN IS A LIVING ... OUTRAGE.



"AND, TOO, HE IS TRULY --"

THE CHAMPION!

EASY, BABE, OR I'LL BUST A GUT ALL OVER AGAIN.

NEXT: LOST ART

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VICARIOUS EMOTIONAL CATHARSIS...

Dear Doug, Mike, and Gene,

It's a credit to all of you that when I read page 2 of "Triumphs of the Flesh" (MOKF #90) I felt a genuine surge of emotion. I was actually close to tears. Specifically, I refer to the moment when Black Jack Tarr hugged Shang-Chi. As well-defined as the relationships between these fascinating characters are, they have never really said — in such concrete and demonstrative terms — how much they truly care for Shang-Chi or each other. Until now anyway.

The pacing of this story in general was a marvel of deft complexity rendered simple. Nothing seemed rushed and everything flowed naturally. I particularly enjoyed Black Jack's typically gruff (and almost fatherly) admonishment to Leiko to follow Shang and not to let him get away again. And then you led us off on a totally different tangent with Leiko's brother and the gang wars. I couldn't be happier. My renewed interest in this book is thanks to the tremendous effort the three of you are putting into it. Whatever you do, don't stop.

Bruce Weintraub
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Dear Doug and Mike,

Why did I find MASTER OF KUNG FU #90 so thrilling and enjoyable? Simply because I loved the way Shang-Chi handled the Joy Boys on pages 19-27. Without a doubt they clearly represented the common big city scum everyone seems to fear but no one does anything about. Fortunately, Shang changed all that and I had the time of my life watching him beat the living daylight out of those punks. Now, I am not one akin to violence, but I'm sure it has been many a person's dream to one day just stop putting up with a bully's harassment, turn around and knock him into the next county. I know I've certainly longed for that day and I think that by reading this marvelous, if simple, sequence I have been brought closer to that moment. I certainly hope so. And if/when that day arrives, I also hope I can handle the situation with the finesse and subtlety that Shang so obviously employed (although I think I'll keep my shirt and shoes on)...

David C. Zimmermann
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Doug —

Just a short note to tell you that I've been sitting here savoring MASTER OF KUNG FU since way back in the early seventies — yet I've never felt compelled to write until now. And my reason for writing is other than simple praise...

There is a line in MOKF #90 that cut right to the core of my very being. You don't know me, Doug, but you've given me some of the sagest counsel I've ever received.

Less than four months ago I went through a gut-wrenching separation and divorce. Everyone tried to help me along with words of advice, bits of their own personal philosophy and the like. But nothing, and I mean *nothing*, struck me like panel 5 on page 2 of issue #90. When Shang-Chi tells Tarr, "Your woman... was in the past... treasure the memory of what she once was, but find your own future... and be not haunted by the ghost of what she became"... well, I haven't cried over her since last March, and I didn't cry upon reading those words. But I did get incredibly misty-eyed.

I wish I had run across the above quote several months earlier; as much as it helps me now, I could have really used it then. As I said, Doug, you don't know me — but thanks.

And people wonder why I still read certain comics at the age of 28...

Martin Bolre
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Thanks, People. Your letters are but mild examples of many we've received in a similar vein — some even claiming that MOKF has literally changed lives. Any writer or artist is naturally flattered upon learning that his work has touched and perhaps even affected someone's life, but both Doug and Mike find themselves a mite uncomfortable under the mantle of possible omnipotence. And, at the risk of preaching, we feel obligated to make at least a basic request. Please think for yourself, evaluating every decision in pragmatic terms, and don't get too carried away by fantasy... unless you're first firmly rooted in reality, aware of the difference between the two, and shooting for a worthy, attainable goal. If such is the case, we'd be honored to be claimed as influences on your decisions and actions.

Finally, this last letter has nothing to do with vicarious catharsis, but it does conjure visions of future events we'd like to briefly discuss...

Doug, Mike, and Gene:

You've come a long way with this series and it's hard to decide whether MASTER OF KUNG FU or X-MEN is the best book on the stands. Zeck seems to surpass himself with each story; the covers alone prove this, with those on #83 and 88 the best to date. I'd like to see the latter as the new cover stamp in the upper left corner. I remember Zeck's early fan work on a Sgt. Rock vs. Sgt. Fury takeoff and a 4-page Sub-Mariner piece in RBOC.

Let's see Chi stay in America for a while and then try some new locales. Maybe you could even adapt the Sax Rohmer novel *Tales of Secret Egypt* into a MOKF story.

By the way, reprinting the cover of #80 on the letters page was a good idea; it helps to remind the reader of the issue being discussed. The encounter between Chi and the cop and the stop light was fantastic. Finally, I hope you have an extra special double-size issue in store for #100.

Dennis Petilli
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Where'd you get the crystal ball, Dan? We do indeed have a new corner cameo, as well as a new logo — both brainchildren of editor Jim Salicrup. You like?

And Chi did stay in America for a while (4 1/2 issues) before moving on to other locales.

And yes, #100 (now in the planning stages) will be a special double-size issue, and — wouldja believe it? — Doug & Mike yesterday discussed the possibility of setting part of the story in Egypt.

NEXT: Shang-Chi tries to mend his disintegrating spirit in a rather offbeat tale whose first line portends: "Serenity is a lost art..." Thereafter, and despite storms of violence from the most unlikely of quarters, Chi tries to recoup the loss. Does he succeed? Guess you'll just have to be here to find out...

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